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WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Former Harvard University President Lawrence Summers stoked an already raging fire in 2005 when, in a speech before the National Bureau of Economic Research on Diversifying the Science & Engineering Workforce, he suggested that intrinsic “aptitude” differences between men and women may explain why fewer females rise to top positions in the hard sciences.

“It does appear that on many, many different human attributes—height, weight, propensity for criminality, overall IQ, mathematical ability, scientific ability—there is relatively clear evidence that whatever the difference in means—which can be debated—there is a difference in the standard deviation, and variability of a male and female population,” Summers said in part. “And that is true with respect to attributes that are and are not plausibly, culturally determined.”

The uproar over Summers’ comments eventually led to the economist’s resignation earlier this year. But the question of whether sexism in science exists, creating barriers preventing female scientists from achieving parity with men, is one that remains the subject of heated controversy within and outside of academia.

One of the more unusual perspectives in the debate was offered by a highly respected Stanford University neurobiologist who published an article in the July 12 issue of the journal *Nature*. Ben Barres, who was Barbara Barres before he underwent a sex change operation nine years ago, contends that he was often excluded by male colleagues when he was a woman but has been widely accepted and treated with much greater respect since his sex change by male counterparts who do not know he is a transgendered male.

But then there are the female scientists writer Christine Mullaney interviewed for our lead story, “Attracting and keeping women in science.” For the most part, these women—SJC professors and the alumnae they have instructed—have not only found fulfilling careers in science, but have emerged as role models for current female science majors who hope to follow in their footsteps.

This is particularly true at the Brooklyn Campus, where an all-female Physical Sciences Dept. faculty, chaired by Professor of Chemistry S. Mary Maier, Ph.D., has provided strong leadership and instilled in their female students the courage and confidence to pursue their dreams in a male-dominated industry.

This is hardly a new chapter in the history of St. Joseph’s, which offered a chemistry major to its female student body when it opened as St. Joseph’s College for Women in 1916. It is interesting to note, as you will read in Christine’s story, that five members of the College’s first graduating Class of 1920 received chemistry degrees. One went on to become a medical doctor, while another achieved a Ph.D. in Chemistry.

As with other difficult issues of fairness, it is doubtful that any significant change will come until women—and men—of science can come together to frankly discuss the problems that exist and search for real, practical solutions. This will require patience and honesty. It is a necessary dialogue, not only for women, but for America as a whole in an increasingly competitive global environment.



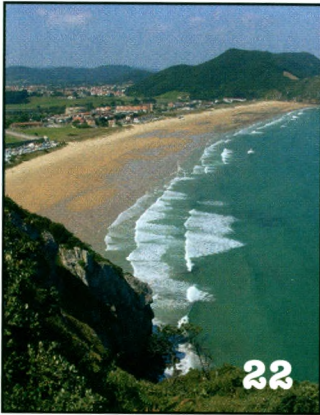
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LETTERS to the editor

The heart of the matter

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading the fine article on intelligent design & evolution ["Teaching Evolution in America," Spring 2006]. This is indeed a huge controversy, but in my opinion a needless one for the following reasons.

1) The decision made by Kansas to delete the statement that science is "a search for natural explanations of observable phenomena" notwithstanding, this is the heart of the matter. By definition, science must restrict its inquiry to the realm of the "natural" (i.e., the physical furniture of the universe).

2) However, science must have the humility to accept the possibility that the physical universe may not be capable of furnishing all the information needed to reach definitive conclusions on any given topic. In other words, scientists must recognize that science is a "search," not a "finding."

3) Intelligent design is rightly excluded from the science classroom, because, again by definition, it posits an intelligence beyond the "observable phenomena" to which science must restrict its inquiry.

4) Where things go awry:

a) Scientists ascribe purposive intent to physical organisms. They should really simply state that "it would seem that" concepts like natural selection explain the survival of certain species, for example, rather than categorically stating that they do, as Dr. Royston does in her "Final Word." This is what causes

b) Christians to react, opposing the teaching of evolution as destructive of faith, disregarding the fact that science has no authority to make pronouncements on what's guiding the process of evolution as they describe it. The statement by Dr. Steven Meyer that ID is "an

inference from biological data, not a deduction from religious authority" is sufficient. Indeed, my conversion process started with just such an inference in a botany lab in college. However, as soon as the inference is made, we're going from the realm of science into philosophy, namely metaphysics.

An interesting note: I was listening to NPR the other day, and a scientist likened the recent discovery that chimpanzees and humans are somehow related to the idea that a Ford Model T and a Mustang are related (i.e., though they are radically different, the Mustang is a "descendant," through multiple changes over time, of the Model T). This kind of example seemed to me to encapsulate the whole controversy: Evolution would, indeed must, state that the impetus for the change from Model T to Mustang resides in the vehicles themselves. The person making the statement ignored the fact that cars are designed by intelligences beyond themselves. This seems to me to reveal the unconscious hubris of science's adequacy to arrive at conclusive "natural explanations for observable phenomena," rather than to simply "search" for them.

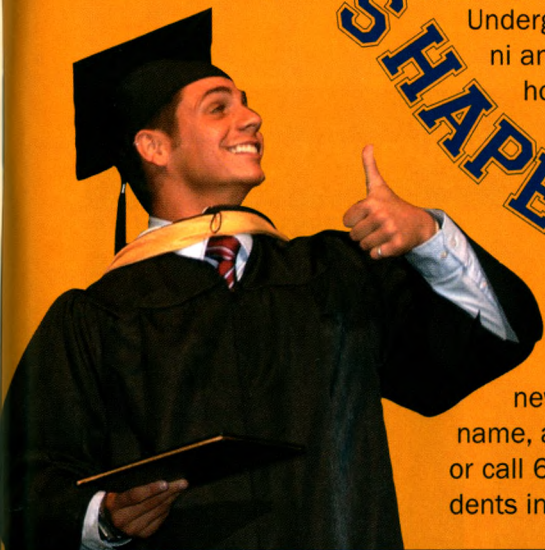
*The Rev. Mario Gonzalez del Solar,
D.Min.*

We welcome letters from our readers. Please limit your letters to 500 words or less and e-mail to skane@sjcny.edu. You may also send your comments to Susan Kane, St. Joseph's College Magazine, 319 West Roe Blvd., Patchogue, NY 11772. Please note that letters may be edited for space or clarity.

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THE CLASS OF 2011



As a St. Joseph's graduate, you can play an important role in shaping the Class of 2011 by participating in a new alumni referral program launched by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The program was created to enlist the aid of SJC alumni and friends in identifying prospective undergraduate students. Long Island is home to a large number of very talented college-bound students, many of whom overlook the fact that they have a top-notch private college—offering impressive academic and student life opportunities—right in their own backyard.

Your help is needed. St. Joseph's alumni are invited to participate in this new referral initiative. Simply send an e-mail with the prospective student's name, address and level (freshman or transfer) to Kimberly Fair at kfair@sjcny.edu, or call 631.447.3219. The Office of Admissions will follow up by sending these students information about the College.

CALL 631.447.3219. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

SJC an 'exemplary college'

Dear Susan:

I read the *St. Joseph's College Magazine's* spring issue cover to cover, as I do with all issues. I want to take this opportunity to thank you again for seeking my permission to publish my story in "Alumni Voices." I was honored to represent St. Joe's as a recent graduate.

I have long admired the diversity in the magazine, which gives readers a chance to know so many aspects of an exemplary college. Indeed, when I reached a G.P.A.

average of 3.5, I thought I qualified for the Dean's List. To my surprise I was told, "St. Joseph's has very high standards and requires a 3.65 average." It was those 'high standards' that gave me the incentive to achieve a goal I thought almost impossible in my last semester, but I'm proud to say I persevered and won a place on the Dean's List.

Every course I took at St. Joseph's inspired me to try harder. I am grateful for the education I received and for the outstanding

professors and students with whom I shared the experience.

You and SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill and all the administrators and staff deserve a round of applause for your ongoing efforts to keep St. Joseph's standards on a high level.

Wishing you continued success.

Rose Guarino Cinachetti
Class of 2005

Article helped spread the word

Dear Susan,

I just wanted to thank everyone at the *St. Joseph's College Magazine* for the wonderful article about my foundation ["Alumnus creates safety program for children," Spring 2006].

I can't believe the incredible interest in the program the article created. As I was recently reminded, a large portion of graduates from

St. Joe's have gone on to become teachers. Well, this point was driven home by all the telephone calls and e-mails sent from those very teachers wanting to bring the program into their schools! We were completely inundated with requests to perform before the school year ended and had to push all new bookings to next September!

Thank you so much for featuring The Rose Brucia Foundation in the *St. Joseph's College Magazine*. As always, my experiences at St. Joe's continually add to my personal growth.

Matt Barbis
Class of 1994
www.rosebrucia.org

Theologians to speak at second colloquium on women



"... The day-long colloquium is part of a planned ongoing series highlighting the thoughts and contributions of female theologians."



St. Joseph's will welcome two accomplished female theologians to the Suffolk Campus on October 6. "In a Different Voice: Second Colloquium on the Work of Women Theologians" will feature Dr. María Pilar Aquino and Dr. María Pascuzzi, C.S.J. '73, both professors in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of San Diego.

Sponsored by the College's Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life, the day-long colloquium is part of a planned ongoing series highlighting the thoughts and contributions of female theologians. The Institute's inaugural program in 2003 drew more than 200 attendees. "We anticipate an equally successful and inspiring colloquium," Institute member Dr. Jill Gelormino said of the Oct. 6 event, "featuring two theologians who are expected to shape our imaginations as we meet the challenge of creating vital communities of women and men able to find the hope and resources needed for a world of justice and care for all."

Dr. Pascuzzi, an SJC alumna and expert on Pauline Scripture, earned an M.A. in Biblical Studies from Providence University, a licentiate in sacred scripture from the Pontifical Bible Institute, a bachelor of sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, and a doctorate of sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

A consultant to the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), Dr. Pascuzzi is the author of *The New Collegeville Bible Commentary: First and Second Corinthians* and *Ethics, Ecclesiology and Church Discipline: A Rhetorical Analysis of 1 Corinthians 5*, as well as numerous essays and articles. She has also worked on Biblical translations and has appeared as a commentator on "Jesus Decoded," a USCCB production that aired on NBC television stations last spring.

Dr. Aquino, a feminist Catholic theologian, serves as associate director of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Catholicism at the

University of San Diego, and she has been a member of the boards of directors of the Catholic Theological Society of America and *Concilium: Revue Internationale de Théologie*. She is the author and editor or co-editor of 10 books, including *Our Cry for Life: Feminist Theology from Latin America* and *Theology: Expanding Borders*, as well as many articles on the feminist experience and thought in society, religion and churches from the context of the Americas.

Born to a poor peasant family in Mexico, Dr. Aquino went on to earn a doctorate of sacred theology from the Pontifical University of Salamanca (Spain) and an honorary doctorate of theology from the University of Helsinki. She serves on several professional journals and organizations.

A \$20 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, call 631.447.2739. ■

Dr. María Pascuzzi (top, left); Dr. María Pilar Aquino (top, right).

Students join Habitat effort

"Spring break" often conjures up images of white, sandy beaches and parties. But for nine SJC students, this past spring break was quite different. The Suffolk Campus students traveled to Spartanburg, SC, as part of Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge program, which provides college student volunteers with the chance to construct homes for families who are either homeless or living in substandard housing.

Among other things, the students helped build framing and install drywall. The SJC contingent worked alongside Habitat employees, another team from the University of Maryland and the future homeowners. The group worked hard, but there was time for fun and sightseeing, including a trip to Chimney Rock State Park in NC.

Not only did the students make a difference in the life of a needy family, but they also made new memories and friends. The experience was so positive that upon their return several of these students organized a chapter of Habitat for Humanity at the Suffolk Campus, and they are currently planning their next trip. ■



Articulation agreement with Kingsborough



David Batt Photography

The College recently entered into an articulation agreement with Kingsborough Community College, the second joint venture between the two institutions. The agreement will assist the entry process of students who have earned an associate's degree from Kingsborough to a variety of baccalaureate programs at SJC. Shown at the June signing are, standing from left: Dr. Thomas Travis, SJC VP and dean, SAPE; Karen Williams, executive assistant to Dr. Travis; SJC Brooklyn Academic Dean S. Margaret Buckley; SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill; SJC Dean of Students Dr. Susan Hudec; and SJC Assistant Dir. of Admissions Roger Vernon. Seated, from left: KCC Assoc. Director of Academic Affairs Dr. Carmen Rodriguez; SJC Academic VP S. Loretta McGrann; and KCC Assoc. Dean of Academic Programs Dr. Loretta Di Lorenzo.

Popularity of free common hour classes growing

More faculty, students and staff at the Suffolk Campus are taking advantage of free yoga and Pilates classes offered during common hour (12:40 p.m.–1:40 p.m.) at the Danzi Athletic Center throughout the academic year. According to Gayle Precht, a physical education instructor, attendance at these classes reached a new high during the spring semester.

"The response has been very positive," Ms. Precht said. "Participants include people of all ages. We offer an oasis in the middle of their day—an oasis where, through energizing on the fitness ball or relaxing on the yoga mat, they can return to their desks or class-

rooms ready to be more productive."

Ms. Precht, who also teaches Continuing Education evening and Saturday courses in water aerobics, Pilates and yoga at the Danzi Center, organized the free common hour sessions a few years ago to encourage greater use of the aerobics room during the work day. Yoga takes place on Wednesdays, Pilates on Mondays. "We know that through these types of activities we can complete more tasks, become more efficient and mindful and, as a result, need to take very few, if any, sick days," she said.

For further information, contact the Danzi Center at 631.447.3355. ■

SJC welcomes historian Doris Kearns Goodwin



St. Joseph's is honored to welcome Pulitzer Prize-winning author and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin as this year's guest speaker in the College's Third Annual Presidential Lecture Series.

On October 11, Dr. Goodwin will present a talk entitled "Presidents at War" at a gathering of the College community in Brooklyn at 12:30 p.m., and during a 7:30 p.m. public presentation in the D'Ecclesiis Auditorium in Suffolk. Her lecture will focus on Presidents Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson and their involvement with war, as well as the war in Iraq and President Bush's leadership since September 11, 2001.

Dr. Goodwin's distinguished political and literary career began when she served as an assistant to Lyndon B. Johnson during his last year in the White House. She went on to work with Johnson on the preparation of his memoirs, later

penning the bestselling biography, *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream*. She has written several other acclaimed works, including *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in history. Movie rights to her most recent work, *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, have been acquired by Steven Spielberg for an upcoming film.

Additionally, Dr. Goodwin has contributed to PBS and ABC television, and she is currently an NBC news analyst. She holds a Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University, where she taught for 10 years, including a course on the American Presidency. ■

Racism awareness training held

In June, faculty, staff and student leaders participated in two-day racism awareness workshops in Brooklyn and Suffolk. The programs, entitled "Cultural Diversity: The Challenge and the Gift," explored the historical, political and social context for systematic oppression in the U.S. and provided an opportunity for dialogue on the subject. The workshops were conducted by facilitators from Cultural Bridges, a consortium of widely recognized diversity trainers established by activist Jona Olsson in 1986.

According to Christy Jean, associate director of multicultural student life and organizer of the workshops, participants numbered about 30 at each campus. ■

Third annual ovarian cancer walk brings total raised to \$59,000

This year's "Footsteps Toward Hope" ovarian cancer walk, spearheaded by Suffolk Campus Minister and Assistant Professor of Religious Studies S. Suzanne Franck, drew its largest crowd ever, netting \$25,000 to help fund the search to cure the disease dubbed the "silent killer." The April 29 event, held at Jones Beach State Park, again honored the memory of S. Suzanne's mother, Marie S. Franck, who died of ovarian cancer in 2003.

Approximately 350 people participated, including members of the National Council for Ovarian Cancer Awareness and colleagues of a 25-year-old Oceanside teacher

who is battling the illness. "More and more people are being affected by ovarian cancer," said S. Suzanne, who founded the walkathon along with her four siblings to raise funds and awareness. The 2004 and 2005 walks raised \$14,000 and \$20,000 respectively, bringing the total amount collected to date to \$59,000.

The funds benefit the Rosewell Park-Gilda Radner Ovarian Research Center, where a gold leaf inscribed "The Marie S. Franck Footsteps Toward Hope Walk" now hangs on a memorial tree. "Footsteps" is the only walkathon in the tri-state area that focuses specifically on ovarian cancer, S. Suzanne said. ■

College sponsors computer programming events

High school students from throughout the tri-state area participated in computer programming competitions at the Brooklyn and Suffolk Campuses in May. Sanctioned by the Association for Computing Machinery, the event is in its third year in Brooklyn and its sixth year in Suffolk.

Nineteen teams competed in the Brooklyn contest, and 26 teams—up from 12 in the competition's first year—competed in Suffolk. Brooklyn Technical H.S. and Half Hollow Hills H.S. East received the first prize in Brooklyn and Suffolk respectively.

"The competition provides a focal point and an incentive for the students," said Dr. William

McAllister, associate chairperson of the SJC Math and Computer Science Dept., "and gives them the ability to mingle with students who share their interest—computers—and to assess the level of their skills." During the three-hour competitions, each team of two or three students completed six programming problems of varying degrees of difficulty. The winning teams each received \$1,500 and ownership of an engraved trophy for the year.

The competition has had lasting effects. Adds Dr. McAllister, "Some students who have competed in past years have come to St. Joe's and are currently on our collegiate programming team." ■

Advocate honored



Claudia Mirzaali/SJC

Prize-winning journalist Antoinette Bosco received SJC's 2006 Esse non videri Award last spring in Suffolk. A syndicated columnist with the Catholic News Service in Washington, DC, she is the author of numerous magazine and newspaper articles and 14 books. Ms. Bosco is a strong advocate against the death penalty, particularly after the murders of her son and daughter-in-law in 1993.

ALS activist Chris Pendergast speaks at SJC



Long Island activist and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) survivor Chris Pendergast came to the Suffolk Campus in April, sharing his personal story of courage living with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Invited to speak by the Recreation Club, Mr. Pendergast is

the founder of Ride for Life (RFL), an organization that raises funds for ALS research and patient services. The group sponsors an annual 10-day, 150-mile electric wheelchair (and bicycle) ride from Manhattan to Montauk. Now in its ninth year, the event has raised nearly \$2 million to date.

Recreation Club President Breianne Travelena said some audience members were "moved to tears" by Mr. Pendergast's presentation on April 18, and they represented SJC for a portion of this year's ride, held April 28–May 7. "You could hear a pin drop the entire time he was speaking because everyone was so captivated by what he was saying," said Breianne, who biked nine days of the ride.

Breianne met Mr. Pendergast

when she was working for News 12. At her suggestion, the Rec Club sold candy and held a raffle, and along with a \$200 contribution from the Sigma Xi Epsilon fraternity, raised a total of \$1,300 for RFL.

A retired elementary school teacher from Northport, Mr. Pendergast created RFL in 1998, nine years after he was diagnosed with ALS. Since then he has worked to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds to find a cure. A frequent speaker, he has appeared on "News 12 Long Island" and NBC's "Today" show. "When I was diagnosed," he said during the latter broadcast, "I had two clear choices: give up and sink into a deep depression and wait to die or fight and try to make a difference, and that's what I chose to do." ■

FACULTY & STAFF *notes*

Compiled by Claudia Mirzaali



Dr. Philip Dehne

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Robert Micera (SAPE) was appointed to the Human Resources Advisory Board of Adults and Children with Learning Disabilities, Inc.

Diane Pfadenhauer was asked by the Bureau of National Affairs to



S. Suzanne Franck, Ph.D.

present on the subject of "Sarbanes-Oxley and Human Resources."

Among her other recent activities, she taught a graduate seminar at Adelphi University on "Labor Issues in Bankruptcy and Turnaround" and a workshop on conducting workplace investigations at the Human Resources Association of New York Legal and Legislative Conference in March. Ms. Pfadenhauer also wrote numerous articles, including "Mobile Lawyer: Hazardous Turf" (*Law Technology News*, November 2005), and she received the "New York State Liberty Award" for her volunteer activities in the Gulf region.

CHILD STUDY

Nancy Lowe was installed as governor of the NE Potomac region of Pilot International, an organization that helps those with brain-related disorders.

GENERAL STUDIES

Andrew Mitchell, CEO of the newly named Peconic Bay Medical Center, was formerly chief executive of Central Suffolk Hospital. He was featured in a recent *Newsday* article about the hospital.

After 55 years, the hospital changed its name in order to encompass all that it offers, from basic medical operations to gastric bypass surgery to orthopedic procedures.

GRADUATE MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Steven Jarmon, formerly vice president of marketing resources at Cadbury Schweppes Americas Beverage, was recently named vice president of brand communications at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM. He is responsible for creative services, advertising and public relations.

HISTORY

Dr. Philip Dehne has been conducting research on the British War in South America during WW II. He was recently published in the *Journal of British Studies*.

MATHEMATICS

Dr. David Seppalla-Holtzman was recognized for 25 years of service to SJC at the April faculty meeting in Brooklyn. His article, "Ancient Egyptians and Russian Peasants Foretell the Digital Age," will be published in *The Mathematics Teacher*.

NURSING

Dr. Tae Sook Kim presented "The Relation of Meditation to Power and Well-Being" and "The Relation of Power and Well-Being" at the Eastern Nursing Research Society annual meeting in Cherry Hill, NJ, in April and at the *Sigma Theta Tau* Annual International Research Conference in Montreal in July.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

S. Suzanne Franck successfully defended her dissertation entitled "Humanity and Nature in Light of Recent Bishops' Pastoral Letters and Trends in Ecological Theology" and

received her Ph.D. in Contemporary Systematic Theology from Fordham University.

Dr. Thomas Petriano conducted a summer workshop, "Contemplatives in a Chaotic World," examining the lives of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Father Mychal Judge, S. John Chittister and S. Dianna Ortiz, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Centerport. He also presented a workshop at the Cenacle Retreat Center in Ronkonkoma.

SCIENCE

Dr. Frank Antonawich (Biology) was a recent plenary speaker at the annual meeting of the American Academy for Anti-Aging Medicine.

S. Mary Maier, Ph.D. (Chemistry) received the Outstanding Scientific Teaching Award from the Association for Women in Science. Only three awards are given nationally each year.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dr. Kenneth Bauzon (Political Science) published an online essay, "Demonstration Elections and U.S. Foreign Policy," which is accessible on the Web site of the Centro Argentino de Estudios

Internacionales (CAEI) in Buenos Aires at www.caei.com.ar/teoria.htm as Working Paper No. 11.

Dr. Paul Ginnetty (Psychology and the Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life) played the role of a priest in the Clare Rose Playhouse production of *Dead Man Walking*. He also penned an article entitled "Corporate Style Shuts Out Dialogue," which appeared in *Newsday*.

Dr. Andrew Quinn (Psychology) performed in the SJC Drama Society's production of *Anything Goes*.

Dr. Richard Torz (Economics) participated at the 2006 Eastern Economic Association Conference in Philadelphia. He organized, chaired and participated in panel sessions on "Using Technology in the Business and Economics Education Classroom" and "Economic Monetary Union and European Union Issues." Dr. Torz was appointed as referee/reviewer for the *Eastern Economic Journal*, and he served as referee/reviewer for several chapters of a new book, *European Union: Principles, Process and Prospects*. He is also working



Dr. Barbara Morrell (Sociology), left, and S. Grace Rowland, Ph.D. (Speech), were recognized for 25 years of service during the April faculty meeting at the Suffolk Campus. Dr. David Seppala-Holtzman (Mathematics) was honored at the Brooklyn faculty meeting.

on the formation of a Working Group on European Union and Economic Monetary Union Issues, with which he will assist in conducting and presenting research within the framework of a mini-conference that will be run as part of the annual Eastern Economic Association conference.

Dr. Wendy Turgeon (Philosophy) attended a seminar at the University of Quebec in Montreal in May on "Children and Emotions." While there, she presented a paper on "Music and Emotions." Dr. Turgeon traveled to Quebec City in June for the North American Association for the Community of Inquiry (NAACI) conference to present a paper on preparing teachers to facilitate philosophy in the classroom.



Dr. Andrew Quinn

Longtime library director retires



S. Agnes Meagher, C.S.J., a member of the SJC Class of '65, retired in June after 16 years as director of the Callahan Library in Suffolk. She assumed the role of director in 1990 after serving as a reference librarian at both the Brooklyn and Suffolk Campus libraries. She formerly taught elementary school in Brooklyn and Queens and later French at Holy Family H.S. and Mary Louis Academy.

In an earlier interview with *St. Joseph's College Magazine*, S. Agnes noted that one of the major changes she experienced during her tenure as director was the impact of technology. It was through the

visionary tutelage of Sisters Dorothy Watson and Virginia Thérèse Callahan that S. Agnes—with the help of S. Clare Imelda Ruane—upgraded the library from the old card catalog system to a fully computerized facility with remote access that enables anyone with a computer to access the library's many databases and other resources.

"This is absolutely the future," S. Agnes said at the time. "There is no going back." She sees the computerization of the library as one of her main contributions, along with the building of a strong collection.

— Mirzaali

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

Nancy Connors (vice president for institutional advancement) was interviewed for the cover story about golf tournaments as a good source of revenue for L.I.'s charitable, not-for-profit and social service organizations in the May '06 issue of *Networking Magazine*.

SJC welcomes **Terri Corbin-Hutchinson** as the new director of Callahan Library on the Suffolk Campus. She was formerly supervising librarian at Harlem Library, a branch of the New York Public Library.

The Office of Institutional Advancement welcomes **Melissa A. Gonzalez** as communications assistant.

Suffolk SAPE administrative assistant **Kaliah Greene** was one of eight finalists in the running to become WBLI's Island Idol 2006 in the radio station's annual singing contest. Among more than 200



Christy Jean (far left) with students and Director of Diversity Initiatives Rupert Campbell (right).

Long Islanders who auditioned for the contest, Kaliah made it to the third of five rounds.

Christy Jean (Office of Diversity Initiatives) was promoted to associate director of multicultural student life.

The Suffolk Office of Admissions welcomes **Adriana Silva** in the new position of admissions coun-

selor/coordinator of minority student recruitment and **Joseph C. Lodato '04** as an admissions counselor. Adriana received her B.S. in Social Work from Marymount College of Fordham University and an M.S.W. from Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Services. Joe received his M.S. in School Counseling from Long Island University/C.W. Post. ■

STUDENT PROFILE

The child of immigrants, making a difference

by Susan Kane

Senior Raquel Martinez is a young lady with a mission—a sense of purpose that first took form while she was growing up in Bushwick, Brooklyn, the daughter of parents who had immigrated to the U.S. from the Dominican Republic.

“I see myself on a mission to help the immigrant population and to change people’s perspectives of what the immigrant culture is in this country,” Raquel said. One of her goals is to teach English to New York inner city students in a neighborhood much like the one in which she was raised.

“Most successful people will tell you that there was that one moment—that one person, that one event—that completely changed them and made them rethink their lives,” she explained. “And hopefully, because I have the advantage of having come from the same background . . . I can do that for at least one student. Hopefully they will see something in me that sparks.”

It’s hard not to notice the “spark” in Raquel’s life. Her passion for helping others and her determination to make a difference have imbued her with a remarkable energy and propelled her to assume leadership roles in numerous college and community service programs.

As president of the campus Hispanic Awareness Club, she spearheaded clothing, medical and school supply drives for young people in Puerto Rico, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The latter was dearest to Raquel’s heart, as the destination for that drive was near her family’s home village.



For every drive, Raquel packs a camera loaded with film and a request that those on the receiving end take photos before returning the camera. It was particularly heartwarming to see photos of young Dominicans sporting SJC apparel and book bags, Raquel said. Such “feedback,” she believes, encourages more people to join such efforts. “I think that in society in general there is an overwhelming feeling of ‘what difference can I make?’” she explained. “But until you actually do something where you see a difference—that little ripple—it doesn’t become apparent to you.”

An English/secondary education major and business minor who also hopes to earn certificates in business and religious studies when she graduates this spring, Raquel is a member of the *Sigma Iota Chi* honor society, and her community service work was recognized by the College’s St. Joseph the Worker Award in 2004 and, most recently, President’s Award for Civic Engagement.

In addition to the Hispanic Awareness Club, she is treasurer of the English Club, and she was active in last year’s U.N. Millennium Development Goals project, the “East Meets West” program that brought together students from the Brooklyn and Suffolk Campuses, and the Sisters of St. Joseph “A Conversation With Our Neighbors” outreach. She also interned at the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, and she teaches religion at her Glendale church.

Watching her parents struggle financially and meet the challenges of adapting to a new language and culture, Raquel learned early on the value of perseverance and self-sacrifice. She considers this a blessing.

“Having a different perspective growing up, I have been one of the lucky people who have seen misfortune, have seen struggle, but at the same time can see the light at the end of the tunnel,” she said. “You just have to be determined to go out there and look for it.” ■

FACULTY PROFILE

Photo exhibit reveals America 'beyond tourism'

by Susan Kane



SJC Art Department Chair S. Pat Manning is a multi-talented artist who has embraced every art form, from calligraphy and painting to pottery and graphic design. But it is perhaps her current passion for photography—evidenced most strikingly in her vast portfolio of photos taken during her sabbatical tour across the continental U.S.—that most defines her as an artist, educator and adventurer.

After many years of teaching art—at St. Angela Hall Academy from 1967–1980 and at SJC since then—S. Pat requested a six-month sabbatical last spring to, as she stated, “grow as an artist and a teacher.” Traveling across the U.S., capturing on film the people and places and ordinary-become-the-extraordinary moments and scenes that could easily be overlooked, she hoped to return as “a better me,”

ready to more fully “interact with an audience of learning and growing students.”

The result of this “once in a lifetime” opportunity was an exhibit of 54 framed and 28 matted color photographs (she took 15,000 in all with her digital cameras) and accompanying commentary entitled, “Another View: Beyond Tourism.” The exhibit, S. Pat’s first solo show, was unveiled last April at the Suffolk Campus and has since moved on to the Maria Droste Center in Manhattan and several Long Island public libraries. A show is planned sometime this winter at the Brooklyn Campus.

The trip, which took S. Pat and a longtime friend (former SJC VP Rosalie Tutino) by car to approximately 40 locations across the U.S. between January 1, 2005, and June 30, 2005, “was probably the greatest

experience of my life,” S. Pat said in an interview last May. “It was like meeting the Creator every single day,” she explained. “It really was a spiritual journey as well as a lot of fun. And all the while, my camera just kept clicking away.”

“I see things very differently now,” she added. “When I look out in the morning on these beautiful spring days, color, light and form just pop out. We live in such a fast-paced world that we don’t stop to see what’s really in front of us day by day.”

From the road, S. Pat and Rosalie sent a total of 34 e-mails with attached photo files via their laptop computers to friends and family back home.

Everywhere they went, local residents—from the Indian in Utah who directed them to an immense horseshoe-shaped rock to the waitress in Santa Fe who pointed out photo opts on a map stretched out across their table—were glad to help out, sending them to the often-backroads sites where S. Pat created many of her images.

A highlight of the tour was when the pair came upon a herd of wild mustangs in the mountains near Las Cruces, New Mexico. “Gradually, the horses separated and I saw this mass on the ground,” S. Pat recalled. “All of a sudden the head picked up and there was this beautiful little foal. And then one by one, the herd came back in and congregated once again around this little horse.”

She titled the resulting photo, “Born Free Moment.” ■

ALUMNUS PROFILE

An international traveler for peace

by Susan Kane

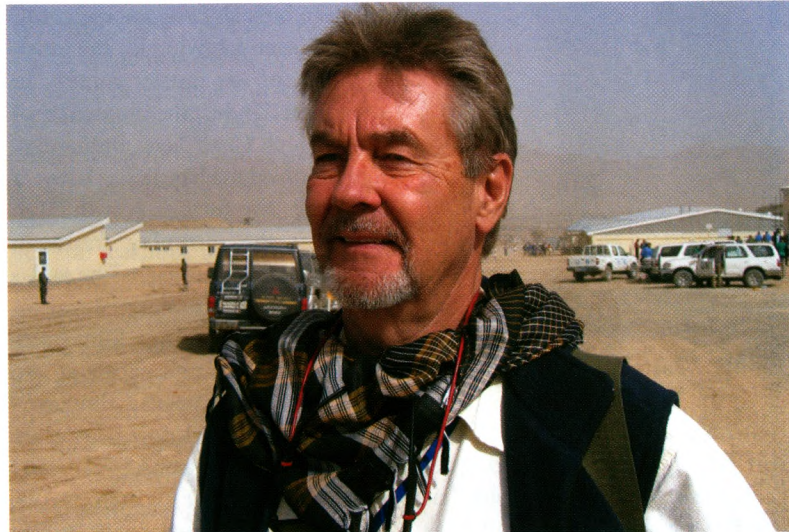
He was in Afghanistan as part of an international team of election observers when three colleagues were kidnapped by local warlords. He's parachuted from Russian helicopters while training with the Russian equivalent of the U.S. Army's special forces. He's lived in Bosnia-Herzegovina, as a member of a U.N. International Police Task Force, and later as an elections supervisor. He worked security in Bosnia when Pope John Paul II visited.

And those are just some of the events in the life of Richard Deininger, who's been around the world and back again since he graduated from the Suffolk Campus (then in Brentwood) in 1976.

Rich was a Suffolk County police officer, detective and scuba team member when he entered SJC to earn a degree in human relations. He joined the police force in 1964, two years after he completed a tour with the U.S. Army. He's been an Army Reservist and National Guardsman since 1966.

After retiring from the SCPD as senior detective in 1992, he worked as a private investigator, security director at Computer Associates International and security supervisor for the international team assigned to the 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta, GA. The following year, he accepted the first of many assignments that would introduce him to places and situations unlike anything he had ever experienced before.

That first mission—with the U.S. Department of State under the umbrella of the U.N. International Police Task Force (IPTF)—brought



him to Bosnia-Herzegovina, where he was part of a special contingent of police officers from some 36 countries who were there to train police in the former Yugoslavia. "We had to start from scratch," Rich said. "They had nothing basically."

There, in the aftermath of the war that had devastated the country, there were dangers and hardships. "You were limited as to where you could go because of all the land mines," he recalled in an interview. "And when we went on patrol, there were always two IPTF and two local police officers plus an interpreter."

"In the particular area where I lived in Tuzla, we had water twice a day—an hour in the morning and an hour in the evening—and you never knew when you would lose electricity."

In addition to training the police, Rich was special adviser to the Minister of the Interior, and he held weekly intelligence briefings for members of the U.N. and NATO. Despite the hazards, Rich described

Bosnia as among the most "beautiful" places he's been. He returned to the country later that year as a short-term elections observer with the Office of Security and Cooperation for Europe (OSCE), another U.N.-supervised group. U.N. elections deployments also took him to Croatia, Serbia, Georgia, Macedonia, Kosova, Afghanistan, and most recently, to Azerbaijan.

"In some places, there was obvious fraud," Rich said of these assignments. "In Georgia, we voided the election and our people had to go back three times before the election process was accepted."

This fall, Rich expects to be off on another mission, the destination of which was uncertain at presstime. "You just do what you have to do," he said, shrugging off questions about safety. He is, after all, a cop. ■

Pictured above: Richard Deininger shown in Afghanistan during a U.N. elections deployment.

Brooklyn's 'Music Man' makes his mark



David Batt Photography

John Castaldo admits he was born "about 50 years too late," given his admiration for Big Band great Jimmy Dorsey and songster Frank Sinatra. But at 19, John has kept the music of yesterday alive

and well at the Brooklyn Campus.

Director and founder of the two-year-old Jazz Ensemble, John has been busy since he arrived at SJC in 2004, even lobbying for the introduction of a music minor in Brooklyn. Under the guidance of Music Dept. Chair Leon Bernardyn, John doubled the band's size last year and looks for further growth. "I'm told that the incoming freshman class has lots of musicians," he said.

A history/secondary education major and music minor, John started singing in church choirs at age eight. He picked up the alto saxophone in 2000 and now takes clarinet and piano lessons while penning some songs of his own.

John also helped revive and is

currently president of the newly-named Historical Society. In addition, he co-founded and is VP of the Philosophy Club, assistant editor and music editor of *The Spirit* newspaper, a peer tutor, student ambassador and member of the Council for the Arts and the yearbook staff. Even so, he maintains a 3.9 G.P.A. and was recently inducted into the *Sigma Iota Chi* Honor Society.

And post-SJC? "Part of me wants to pursue a graduate degree in music and become a conductor and arranger," he said. "But another part wants to go to law school or maybe become a college history professor. It really comes down to, when I graduate, what do I love to do?" ■

Bio students present research



Six Suffolk biology majors were selected to participate in The Ninth Northeast Natural History Conference in Albany, NY, last spring for their outstanding research work. Seniors Jessica Fassois, Anthony Rotella and Jackie Salero presented their work, "Phytoremediation of contaminated Long Island lakes," as part of their senior research thesis. Sophomores Katty Edmond, Nadia Ghazanfar and Mirna Portillo presented "Eutrophication of the lower

part of Patchogue Lake," their BIO 200 ecology project.

"Both projects were outstanding," said Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Mohammad Rana, who supervised the students' work. "They had very successful presentations."

The biennial conference is a joint project of the New York State Museum, the New York State Biodiversity Research Institute and the New York State Museum Institute. ■

Recreation student wins scholarship

The Metropolitan New York Recreation and Park Society Inc. has awarded SJC student Galina Padluzskaya the Thomas J. Carroll Scholarship for her accomplishments in the field of recreation. The scholarship is presented to students who have excelled in recreation and leisure studies programs and have demonstrated a commitment to developing a career as a recreation/leisure services professional.

Galina, a Brooklyn therapeutic recreation major, met all of the requirements for the scholarship (including participation in extracurricular activities and community service projects) and also wrote an essay on her philosophy of therapeutic recreation and her personal career ambitions. She was one of three recipients of the 2006 awards. ■

Student teachers spend fruitful 'Summer in the City'

Several St. Joseph's students were awarded internships in the New York City public schools this summer. The annual "Summer in the City" program, managed by the City Department of Education, coordinates the placement of student teachers from local colleges and universities in summer-school classrooms, affording them unique learning opportunities.

"All my teaching experience has been on Long Island," said Suffolk senior Stephanie Musso before beginning the program. "I am considering teaching in the City, and this is the perfect way for me to see if it is where I want to be in the future."

Stephanie, with fellow senior Emelyn Valladares and recent graduate Dana Oliver, planned to move into a student housing complex in Brooklyn in late June and teach from July 5 through August 14. Students receive a stipend to defray expenses.

"Over the years, we have been promoting awareness of opportunities for teaching in the New York City public schools," said Assistant Professor of Child Study S. Mary Ann Cashin, who has led this effort. She added that SJC students take an annual tour of City schools, and recruiters visit the Suffolk Campus regularly to promote employment in this sometimes-overlooked area. ■

Student leaders recognized

Outstanding Student Awards were presented at the Brooklyn Campus's first Student Leadership Brunch on May 7, held at the Water's Edge Restaurant. Awards went to all student government leaders, in addition to students who received special recognition for their contributions throughout the year. They include: Raquel Martinez, President's Award for Civic Engagement; Svetlana Medvedeva, Dean's Award; Dan Ristea, Emerging Leader Award; Gurjit Singh, St. Joseph the Worker Award; John Castaldo, Leadership in the Arts Award; Kristin Healy, Leadership in Athletics Award; and Sean Biesty, Leadership Through Inspiration Award. ■

Brooklyn student publications revived

After a period of inactivity, student publications at the Brooklyn Campus have experienced a renaissance.

"Students are grabbing the newspapers and reading them," said Director of Student Publications Dr. Howard Weiner, a longtime high school publications advisor. Within a few months of his arrival in the summer of 2004, *The Spirit* newspaper and the Yearbook Club were

revived after eight years and one year of inactivity respectively.

Through aggressive recruitment drives at Freshman Orientation events, Dr. Weiner, with the help of former Senior Class Representative Janine Farraj '05, was successful in recruiting a combined staff that has grown to more than 20. Junior Christina Ament and sophomore Tara Vafiadou serve as co-editors of *The Spirit*. In its first year, the news-

paper garnered a first-place award for content and design—an honor bestowed upon the yearbook, *Footprints*, in 2005.

"Organization and dedication are the keys to our success," said Tara, who is also editor-in-chief of *Footprints*. Additionally, an inter-campus literary journal, *Calliope*, has begun publication, bringing together the English clubs from both campuses. ■

Images in Motion

The Dance Club in Brooklyn presented "Images in Motion, Spring Scrapbook" on April 27, with a special guest appearance by the Jazz Ensemble. The performance, co-sponsored by the campus Council for the Arts under the direction of Stacey Temple, was dedicated to the late Jill Marotta from the Nancy & Company dance troupe. All proceeds benefited the Harkness Center's Fund for Uninsured Dancers in Ms. Marotta's honor.

David Batt Photography



Golf tourney most successful to date

A beautiful spring day greeted golfers at SJC's 16th Annual Golf Tournament, which honored longtime College supporter Peter M. Meyer '87. This year's tourney, held May 30 at the Sands Point Golf Club, was the most successful to date, raising over \$120,000 for the College's athletic programs. Donald

Lizak, athletic director for the Suffolk Campus, chaired the event.

A native of Woodhaven, Queens, Peter is the regional vice president for the Brooklyn/Queens Region of Commerce Bank. He is active in the community and has served on the boards of numerous non-profit and civic organizations.

Currently he is vice chairman of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and a board member of the Queens Museum of Art, the Downtown Brooklyn Council and the Long Island City Business Development Corp. Peter resides in Brooklyn Heights. ■



Peter Meyer, left, accepts his award from Tournament Chair Donald Lizak.



Don Lizak congratulates Daniel McNamar, the JetBlue Challenge Hole-in-One winner.



SJC Head Golf Coach George Cangero with some student-athlete volunteers.



Peter Meyer seated, center, with some friends.

Photos by Miller Photography

Gala to honor trustee Dennis McCarthy, alumna S. Elaine Roulet

by Claudia Mirzaali

The College will recognize SJC Trustee Dennis McCarthy and alumna S. Elaine Roulet '66 at its 24th Annual Dinner Dance/Monte Carlo Night on November 2, 2006.

Dennis will receive the Distinguished Service Award for his longtime support of and service to the College, and S. Elaine will be honored with the Outstanding Alumna Award for her years of devotion to prison ministry work. The Monte Carlo portion is a new addition to the annual fundraiser, which will take place at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury.

Dennis is a senior partner of Asset Management Associates of New York, a private investment partnership, and president and CEO of Wilcom, Inc., a worldwide manufacturer of telecommunications test equipment and DSL components. He has been active in Little League, Boy Scouts and at Our Lady of Snow R.C. Church in Blue Point, where he has served as trustee and chair of the Catholic Ministry Appeal for over 25 years.

Dennis was elected for three terms as commissioner of the Blue Point Fire Department. He also served as an assistant deputy county executive under three Suffolk County executives, and currently sits as a gubernatorial appointee on the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees.

The recipient of many awards, Dennis was named Man of the Year by both Mercy Center Ministries and the Bayport-Blue Point Foundation. He was also presented with the Toby Beebe Citizenship Award by the Blue Point Lions Club.

S. Elaine, a Sister of St. Joseph of Brentwood, served as the full-time minister at the Bedford Hills Correctional Center. She recently retired after 36 years of creating programs for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated parents and their children. She currently directs retreats for women leaving prison under a new program she created called "Our Journey."

S. Elaine established seven Providence Houses—residences for formerly incarcerated (as well as battered and homeless) women and their children. In 1992, she founded Hour Children, which assists and provides homes for mothers easing back into society and their children. She has been named to the National Women's Hall of Fame and has received the Westchester County Hall of Fame Award, among other honors.

Proceeds from the gala will benefit SJC student scholarships. The event will be co-chaired by SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill and Trustee John Bransfield, Jr. For further information, please contact the Special Events Office at 631.447.3396 or specialevents@sjcny.edu. ■



Claudia Mirzaali/SJC

Dennis McCarthy



S. Elaine Roulet

Award honors memory of beloved French professor

by Clare Kehoe



St. Joseph's is pleased to announce the creation of The Professor Norma Mallia Cultural Award for Honors Students. Through her estate, Professor Mallia has provided an endowment that will be used for the

Brooklyn Campus honors students' junior year trip.

Prior to her teaching career at SJC, Prof. Mallia studied at Hunter College and Columbia University, as well as at the Sorbonne in Paris. During WWII, she held a government position as a translator of Italian and French. From 1945 until 1980, Prof. Mallia brought the St. Joseph's French Dept. from a series of courses to a major, and imbued the students with a love for the language, the literature and the culture of France. Two of her students received fellowships for their doctoral work—and achieved their Ph.D.s—at Yale University.

Prof. Mallia consistently represented to her students a woman of cultivated tastes, including opera, great books and fine art. The Collins sisters, Clare '69 and Judith '66, both recall with fondness Prof. Mallia's high standards and warmth for her students. At Prof. Mallia's last St. Joseph's faculty meeting on May 5, 1980, then-College President S. George Aquin paid her homage with the toast, "*À Norma Mallia-humaniste sensible et dévouée avec la reconnaissance affectueuse de tous à SJC*" ("To Norma Mallia, sensitive and dedicated humanist, with the affectionate recognition of all at SJC"). ■

Elizabeth McKaigney Award aids business students

St. Joseph's College is grateful to Patricia O'Neill and her family for their generous gift in memory of her sister, Elizabeth A. McKaigney, a member of the SJC faculty who died in March 2004. The gift made it possible to create an award for excellence for students majoring in business administration. The first recipient of this prestigious prize was Erin Dorso '06, the daughter of Kathleen Dorso '77 and Thomas Dorso '76.

Professor McKaigney served on the faculty in Brooklyn for 18 years; she was also associate chair of the Business Administration Dept. She joined St. Joseph's in 1983 after a varied career in the business world. A graduate of Fordham University, she earned an M.B.A. from Adelphi, where she specialized in marketing.

Prof. McKaigney was active in the life of the College and served on a number of committees, including the College Planning Committee, the Middle States Planning Committee, College Advisory Council and Admissions Council.



Erin Dorso '06, a Brooklyn business administration major and member of the Choral Society and Jazz Ensemble, is the first recipient of the newly established Elizabeth A. McKaigney Award, presented at Senior Class Night. From left: SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill, Asst. Professor of Business George Fasano, C.P.A., Erin, and Erin's father, Thomas Dorso '76.

She moderated the Business Club and coordinated *Delta Mu Delta*, the business honor society.

Upon Prof. McKaigney's retirement in 2000, S. Margaret Buckley, academic dean at the Brooklyn Campus, paid tribute, describing

her as "an outstanding teacher, clear, well-organized, imaginative."

"She took a personal interest in her business administration majors, advised them about their careers and took pride in their success," S. Margaret said in part. ■

Annual Fund Update

Our alumni have always been St. Joseph's biggest supporters. Through alumni contributions alone, the 2005-06 Annual Fund had at presstime raised nearly \$450,000, with a significant portion going toward scholarships and financial aid. Along with over \$300,000 donated by other members of the College community, the fund had another successful year.

For the third year in a row, the College trustees increased their total giving by 20%, with \$120,000



in donations. Giving is just one of the many ways our trustees have had an impact at SJC. We appreciate their dedication and look forward to their continued support.

Giving to SJC is a pleasurable experience, which is why we recently introduced online giving. Other fun ways to give are in the works for the 2006-07 fundraising season, including the "Buy a Brick" program, which

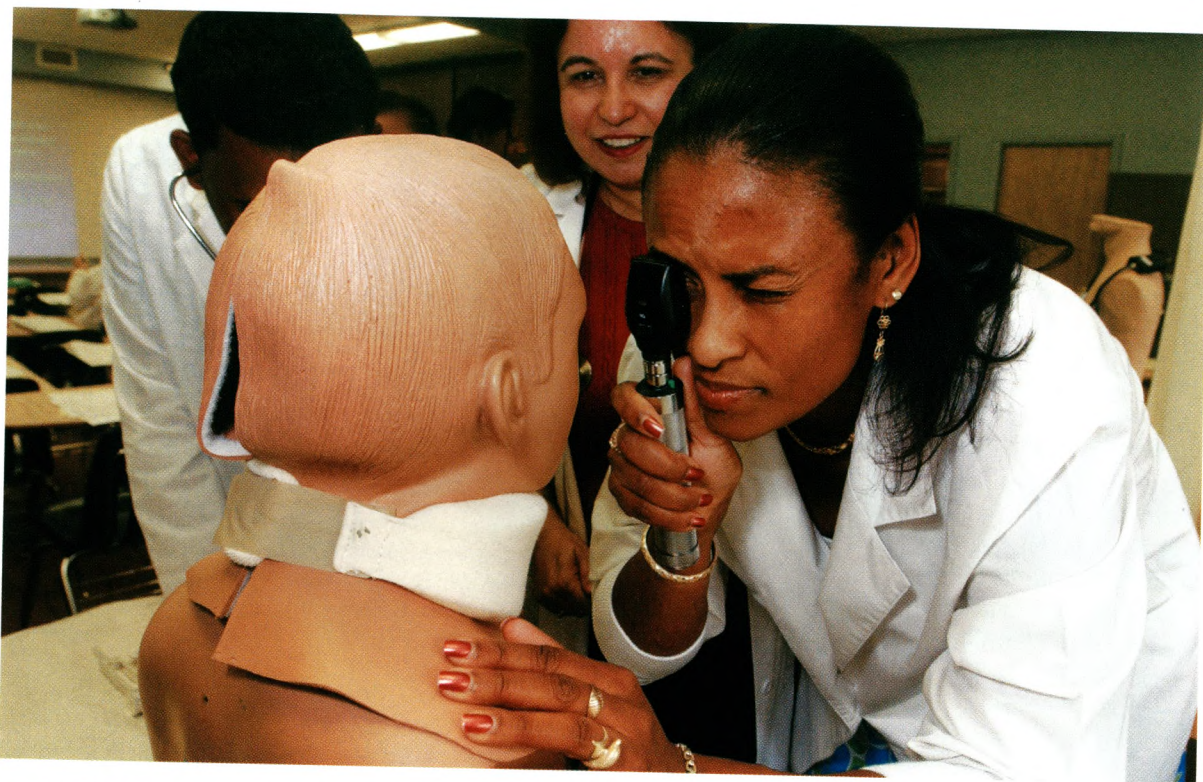
will enable donors to literally leave their mark at SJC. Donor sponsorship cards will give donors the opportunity to make direct contributions to current or incoming students. Look for new giving incentives as well as new giving societies. -

For further information about annual giving, please contact J.P. Lucero at 718.398.4128 or jplucero@sjcnj.edu. ■

Roslyn grant will benefit graduate nursing students

by Michael Banach

Susan Farley Photography



The Roslyn Savings Foundation recently awarded the College a \$15,000 grant for graduate nursing student scholarships at the Suffolk Campus. Throughout its history, the Foundation has provided funding to local health care institutions for needs ranging from patient transportation to scholarship aid in an effort to improve the health of the communities it serves.

Currently, a growing nursing shortage has jeopardized the quality of health care across Long Island. This grant, the first ever for the nursing program, will ensure that St. Joseph's graduates fill important positions in the health care industry that will lessen the effects of the nursing shortage.

Inaugurated in the fall of 2005, St. Joseph's graduate nursing pro-

gram trains registered nurses to become clinical nurse specialists or nurse educators, two of the most urgently needed specializations in the profession. St. Joseph's clinical nurse specialist graduates will provide patients with intensive therapy and coordinate patient care within a variety of settings. Graduates of the nurse educator concentration will be qualified to teach in nursing schools, enabling these institutions to enroll and graduate more nurses.

Following its initial public announcement in 1997, the Roslyn Savings Bank created the Roslyn Savings Foundation in order to enhance and deepen its philanthropic interests in the communities where it serves. Since then, the Foundation has disbursed over \$12 million in financial support to a

multitude of large and small community groups. The College appreciates Roslyn Savings Foundation's support and is grateful to Executive Director Sharon Grosser for her help in securing this grant. ■



Annie's spirit lives on in newly created scholarship

by Virginia O'Rourke McLaughlin '62



**"We mourn
her deeply,
but we remain
connected
with her
through the life
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Asage immigrant Kerryman named Denis Hennessy responded to his protesting daughter, Anne, "You will go to college; you will not continue to sell shoes at Macy's," a job she dearly loved. Her fondness for shoes was but one facet of the life of this amazing woman—my mother, Anne Hennessy O'Rourke '35. That was in 1931, the start of our family's connection with 245 Clinton Avenue.

At that time, the name, "St. Joseph's College for Women," was much like Confirmation's indelible sign. It was always there for us children, its spirit embodied in my mother. Anne raised four children—Brian, Denis, Anne Marie and me—and we were blessed with seeing her strengths and accomplishments that still remain our models of behavior.

Without question, my own academic pursuits as the thirdborn and first girl centered on St. Joseph's, and I was fortunate enough to receive an alumni scholarship. My sister, Annie, went on to attend St. Joseph's after graduating from nearby St. Angela Hall Academy. Like our mother, we both pursued successful careers in education. Annie, a member of the Class of 1971, began teaching at the elementary level, and after completing graduate school ascended to administration, last serving as the principal designee at High School Redirection.

My sister was a delight to her colleagues and students alike; her humor was her trademark. We'd

always chuckle at the story of the bus driver who, on one snowy morning with impossible driving conditions, asked Annie (who traveled to school in the far reaches of Brooklyn), "So, tell me, what is that you do that you're always here at 5:00 in the morning? Are you a fireman or something?" Surely, every administrator feels like a fireman at times.

During Annie's elementary years at Queen of All Saints, our home at 205 Clinton Avenue was an extension of the SJC campus; many of my friends from the Class of '62 spent time there between and after classes. Annie, of course, was our "gofer" and the joy of us older girls. The warmth she experienced then was the prelude to her own wonderful years at the College. Like my mother and me, deep and lasting friendships for Annie were born and nurtured on Clinton Avenue.

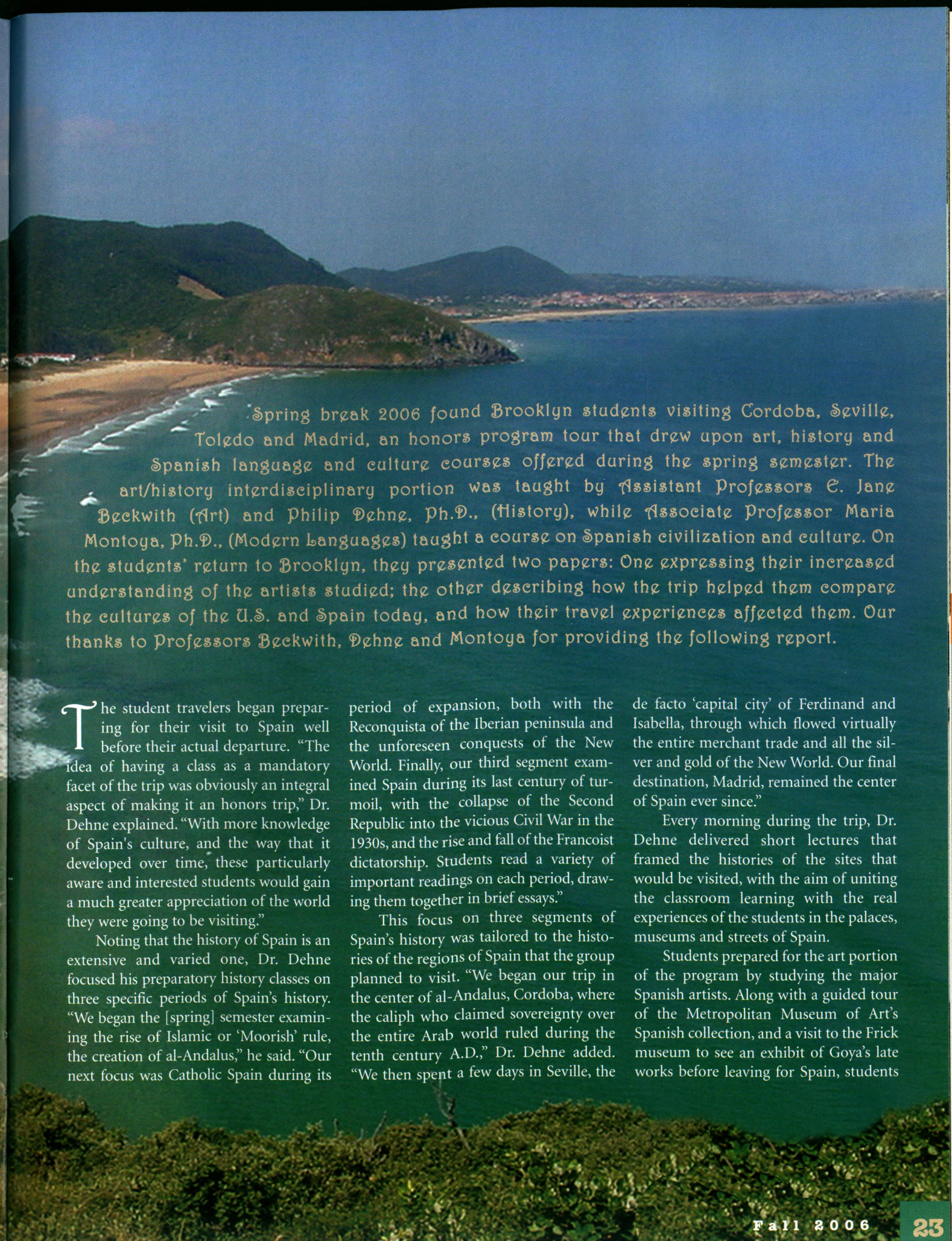
Thirty years after her graduation, Annie died suddenly on Sept. 13, 2001. We mourn her deeply, but we remain connected with her through the life she lived and the spirit that flowed from this extraordinary woman.

That spirit will continue through The Annie O'Rourke Scholarship. The education of an academically qualified student in financial need from the Brooklyn Campus will benefit, and Annie's zest will live on in another St. Joe's student whose life will further emulate the College's ideals and its motto, *Esse non videri* ("To be, not to seem"). ■

TRIP TO SPAIN:

An invaluable learning experience





Spring break 2006 found Brooklyn students visiting Cordoba, Seville, Toledo and Madrid, an honors program tour that drew upon art, history and Spanish language and culture courses offered during the spring semester. The art/history interdisciplinary portion was taught by Assistant Professors E. Jane Beckwith (Art) and Philip Dehne, Ph.D., (History), while Associate Professor Maria Montoya, Ph.D., (Modern Languages) taught a course on Spanish civilization and culture. On the students' return to Brooklyn, they presented two papers: One expressing their increased understanding of the artists studied; the other describing how the trip helped them compare the cultures of the U.S. and Spain today, and how their travel experiences affected them. Our thanks to Professors Beckwith, Dehne and Montoya for providing the following report.

The student travelers began preparing for their visit to Spain well before their actual departure. "The idea of having a class as a mandatory facet of the trip was obviously an integral aspect of making it an honors trip," Dr. Dehne explained. "With more knowledge of Spain's culture, and the way that it developed over time, these particularly aware and interested students would gain a much greater appreciation of the world they were going to be visiting."

Noting that the history of Spain is an extensive and varied one, Dr. Dehne focused his preparatory history classes on three specific periods of Spain's history. "We began the [spring] semester examining the rise of Islamic or 'Moorish' rule, the creation of al-Andalus," he said. "Our next focus was Catholic Spain during its

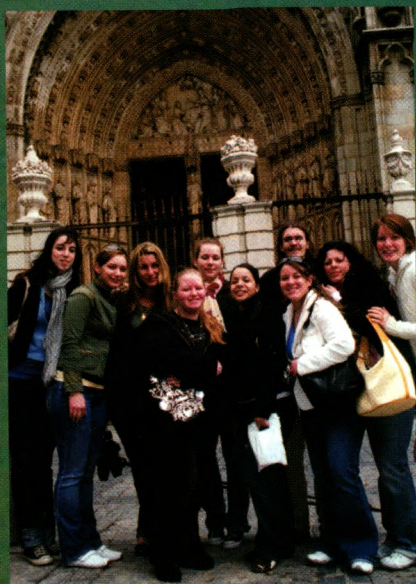
period of expansion, both with the Reconquista of the Iberian peninsula and the unforeseen conquests of the New World. Finally, our third segment examined Spain during its last century of turmoil, with the collapse of the Second Republic into the vicious Civil War in the 1930s, and the rise and fall of the Francoist dictatorship. Students read a variety of important readings on each period, drawing them together in brief essays."

This focus on three segments of Spain's history was tailored to the histories of the regions of Spain that the group planned to visit. "We began our trip in the center of al-Andalus, Cordoba, where the caliph who claimed sovereignty over the entire Arab world ruled during the tenth century A.D.," Dr. Dehne added. "We then spent a few days in Seville, the

de facto 'capital city' of Ferdinand and Isabella, through which flowed virtually the entire merchant trade and all the silver and gold of the New World. Our final destination, Madrid, remained the center of Spain ever since."

Every morning during the trip, Dr. Dehne delivered short lectures that framed the histories of the sites that would be visited, with the aim of uniting the classroom learning with the real experiences of the students in the palaces, museums and streets of Spain.

Students prepared for the art portion of the program by studying the major Spanish artists. Along with a guided tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Spanish collection, and a visit to the Frick museum to see an exhibit of Goya's late works before leaving for Spain, students



Antonio Vila, Meaghan Ring, Emily McManus, Gina Andosca, Catherine Bartnik, Jessica Kessler, Gabriella Kollesar and Fiona McWilliam worked in pairs to research the masterpieces they would see in Spain's churches, galleries and museums. Each team was responsible for two artists and made brief presentations in front of paintings at the actual sites. They looked for variations in artists' early and late work, and were able to point out the distinguishing characteristics of style that identified each artist.

"It is always satisfying to see an artist's work at the proper scale as you do in a museum," Professor Beckwith observed. "Not only that, but no reproduction can ever capture the true colors and techniques of a painter. It was fun to hear students' comments when we arrived in Toledo and they recognized its geography from El Greco's painting, 'View of Toledo,' which they had seen at the Met."

On guided tours, students observed the architecture and decorative arts contributed by Muslims, Jews and Christians that give Spain its rich cultural diversity.

Students Diana Bentz and Raquel Martinez were enrolled in Dr. Montoya's spring semester course, "Civilization and Culture of Spain." They knew this class would not only expose them to the art and history of the country but would also strengthen their Spanish oral and written communication skills, Dr. Montoya said.

"I grew up in Galicia," noted Dr. Montoya. "It is in the northwest corner of Spain, an area of the country known for its beautiful Romanesque churches, seafood delicacies and excellent white wines. Before this trip, I hadn't the opportunity to travel to Seville and Cordoba and to appreciate their rich Muslim heritage which you don't find in the north. I was equally impressed with the Mosque in Cordoba and with Seville's quaint squares and gardens."

Diana was especially intrigued by the variety of hot and cold tapas—the Spanish version of our hors d'oeuvres—that she found in restaurants throughout Spain. On her first morning in Seville, she visited

the restaurant next to the group's hotel, where its sociable owner let Diana take photos of its unusual décor, including a bull's head on the wall. Back in the States, Diana shared stories about the trip with her "Civilization and Culture of Spain" classmates. She showed a PowerPoint presentation she had produced that featured many vibrant photographs of a wide assortment of Spanish dishes, including her favorite, the popular salmorejo—a cold tomato soup similar to gazpacho.

On numerous occasions, Raquel became the group's interpreter, as her native fluency in Spanish proved to be an indispensable asset while bargain hunting in Toledo or when ordering sandwiches and sodas for 10 people just five minutes before a scheduled visit to the Fine Arts Museum in Seville.

For her required project, Raquel studied contemporary Spanish fashion. The increasingly thriving and cosmopolitan Madrid provided the ideal site for pursuing her interest. In her oral presentation to the class, Raquel highlighted the contributions of Spanish top designers and described how Spanish women today enjoy the convenience of combining casual clothing with more formal garments.

One of the purposes of SJC's honors program, which added a study-abroad component two years ago, is "to challenge students, to enhance their college experience and to widen their horizons," said Brooklyn Academic Dean S. Margaret Buckley, who accompanied this year's group on the partially subsidized trip. "We plan to continue to provide this opportunity, with a visit to France projected for spring 2007." ■

Pictured to the left: (Top) In Cordoba, the garden of Mezquita is the backdrop for Spanish Culture students (from left) Diana Benz and Raquel Martinez, shown with their professor, Dr. Maria Montoya; (Center) In the Fine Arts Museum, Seville, Jessica Kessler and Fiona McWilliam present their research on the painter, Jose de Ribera, in front of his painting, "St. James the Apostle;" (Bottom) All 10 students gather by the Cathedral in Toledo for a group photo.

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**M.B.A. PROGRAM
IN ACCOUNTING**

M.B.A. in Accounting highlights new academic offerings

by Susan Kane

The College begins the fall 2006 semester with a number of new academic programs, including a Master of Business Administration in Accounting, two dual baccalaureate/master's business offerings, a criminal justice major and minors in peace and justice studies and music (the latter new to Brooklyn only).

The 36-credit M.B.A. in Accounting—SJC's third graduate management studies program to date—includes eight management and four accounting courses. According to Graduate Management Studies Director and Assistant Professor of Accounting Mary Chance, the additional accounting courses differentiate this degree from a regular M.B.A., which requires only one graduate-level accounting course. Conversely, the St. Joseph's M.B.A. in Accounting stresses management training, which an M.S. in Accounting does not.

"Many accountants leave C.P.A. firms and go on to corporate or non-profit organizations as high-level executives," Prof. Chance said. "I think the biggest selling point of our program is that we can help them become better managers and more effective leaders."

The new master's, which builds upon

the success of the College's M.S. in Management and Executive M.B.A., is available at both the Brooklyn and Suffolk Campuses. Prof. Chance expects most of the applicants to be SJC accounting undergrads, who will have already completed most of the required accounting and business prerequisites.

"There is a common theme that runs through all of our graduate management programs, and that is our emphasis on developing the student's management and leadership abilities," Prof. Chance added. "Also, we give the students an opportunity in every course to apply what they've learned in that course to a work place issue or problem. And, in every single course in all three graduate programs, there is an emphasis on ethics."

Like the other business graduate programs, classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays every other week, eight times per semester. However, for the new M.B.A., the accounting courses will meet every week.

The M.B.A. in Accounting was introduced in part to meet the needs of students who will be affected by changes in the New York State regulations regarding the professional education requirements for licensure as a certified public accountant. Beginning August 1, 2009, those applying for licensure as a C.P.A. in New York must have completed a 150—as

opposed to the current 120—hour curriculum registered with the State Education Department.

"This will affect freshmen beginning this fall," Prof. Chance noted. "But luckily for those students, we also have a B.S. + M.B.A. program that was approved at the same time as the M.B.A. in Accounting."

DUAL PROGRAMS, NEW MAJOR

SJC undergraduate accounting majors (and transfers), once accepted into the M.B.A. in Accounting program as juniors, can earn both a B.S. in Business Administration with a major in Accounting and the master's within a five-year period under a new combined option. Both degrees (totaling 152 credits) are issued by St. Joseph's. Undergraduates take two graduate management and two graduate accounting courses, which apply to both degrees.

After receiving their bachelor's, students spend a year working to complete their M.B.A. requirements. To apply, juniors must have satisfactorily completed Intermediate Accounting II and 90 credits while maintaining minimum G.P.A. requirements. Students can avoid taking the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) by acquiring internship or professional work experience.

Under another combined five-year program that debuted this fall, students can earn an undergraduate

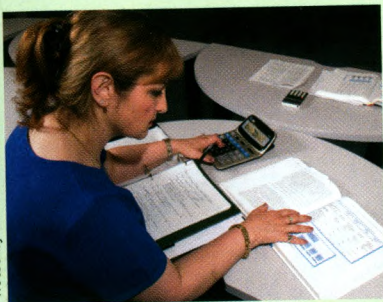
Chapter 9 Auditing the Revenue Cycle

ACL provides a filter capability that can be used to select or ignore specific items from an entire file. Using this feature, the auditor can select from the Sales file only those records with negative invoice amounts. The resulting view of anomalies is much smaller and provides the details needed to investigate. Sample records from the filtered file are listed below. With specific customer account numbers, invoice numbers, and sales dates, file items can be traced to their sources for resolution.

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hand, it may indicate nothing more than because of a clerical error. ACL is capable of detecting in sequence number anomalies. ACL can scan the invoice and vendor data. The party would not be able to



degree and an M.B.A., both from St. Joseph's. Current SJC undergraduates with a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 who are enrolled in the mathematics actuary track, the computer information systems major or the computer science major are eligible to apply. Students must complete the application process for the Executive M.B.A. program in the spring of their junior year. Graduate courses begin in the senior year, as in the other dual option. Both combined programs are available in Brooklyn and Suffolk.

The College also added a 36-credit interdisciplinary major in criminal justice. Offered at both campuses, the program requires a total of 27 credits in the areas of criminal justice, political science and sociology, as well as a 9-credit area of specialization in either juvenile justice, mental health or law and justice. In preparation for the major, students must also take four College-wide core courses in biology, sociology and psychology and at least one elective course in psychology.

"This is going to be really amazing," Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Barbara Morrell said after the program received formal approval in June. Dr. Morrell, who has a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Rutgers University, was the driving force behind development of the major, which she believes will be popular with both current SJC students as well as transfers from com-

munity colleges with criminal justice programs.

"It's an exciting field that's been around since the 1970s," she said. "It's a lifelong learning experience and occupation and a field where you can do a lot of good for people."

In addition to preparing students for careers in policing, probation, corrections, forensics, domestic violence prevention, mental health counseling and parole—to name a few—the major also readies students for graduate school and/or research. A unique feature of the major is the availability of three specialization tracks.

When the idea of a major first emerged, Dr. Morrell invited representatives of agencies that offer SJC students internships related to criminal justice to a brainstorming session. "We said to them, 'What do our students need to be on the cutting edge?'" she recalled. With their input, and following the standards of the Academy for Criminal Justice Sciences, the curriculum and the three tracks were created.

TWO ADDITIONAL MINORS

As part of its fine arts curriculum, the Brooklyn Campus recently added a minor in music; the 18-credit program is already offered in Suffolk. Brooklyn students who opt to minor in music can earn co-curricular academic credit for performing in the Jazz Ensemble or the Choral Society. The minor includes

courses in music theory, music history and music studio. According to Music Department Chair Leon Bernardyn, the availability of the new minor and half-credit performing opportunity have appealed to incoming students, a number of whom are musicians.

The College also introduced a peace and justice studies minor, an interdisciplinary program designed to identify and critically analyze conditions that contribute to injustice, social conflict and war. The 18-credit minor includes required and/or elective courses in religious studies, history, philosophy, political science and sociology. The 3-credit capstone course is RS 300 (Interdisciplinary Readings on Peace and Justice). Students at both campuses may apply. ■

For information about the M.B.A. in Accounting, call the Office of Graduate Management Studies at 718.399.2454 (Brooklyn) or 631.447.3300 (Suffolk). For all other programs, call the Undergraduate Admissions Office in Brooklyn at 718.636.6868 or in Suffolk at 631.447.3219.



Attracting and keeping

WOMEN in SCIENCE

America's national interest demands broadening participation in the 'hard' sciences

by Christine Mullaney

It has been called a “gathering storm” and a “creeping crisis,” a series of problems lacking one defining moment that would illuminate the dangers for all to see. But in the unanimous view of The National Academies* Committee on Prospering in the Global Economy of the 21st Century, “America today faces a serious and intensifying challenge with regard to its future competitiveness and standard of living.” Keeping to the path we are on, committee members told Congress last year, is a losing proposition.

President Bush picked up on this theme in his 2006 State of the Union address, announcing the administration’s “American Competitiveness Initiative,” whose centerpiece commitment would double federal spending on the most critical basic research programs in the physical

sciences and engineering to \$50 billion of new funding over the next decade.

One of the major players in the drive to maintain American scientific and technological leadership is the National Science Foundation (NSF), which cites the lower participation of women and minorities in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields as a key obstacle to preserving that position. New data from the non-profit Commission on Professionals in Science and Technology show that women compose only 25% and minorities 10% of the U.S. STEM work force. Broadening participation is therefore vital to U.S. interests.

Although women now account for half of all science and engineering bachelor’s degrees awarded, they dominate only in psychology (77%)

and the biological sciences (57%), lagging far behind men in engineering (20%) and the physical sciences (42%) and approaching parity in math (48%), based on the most recent available NSF statistics. Women continue to lose ground dramatically at the graduate level, earning roughly 44% of the master’s and 37% of the doctorates awarded in science and engineering.

A DIFFERENT STORY

The Physical Sciences Department of St. Joseph’s College is a small but shining participant feeding and enlarging the undergraduate intellectual pipeline that supports American scientific advances. It is both historically and culturally noteworthy that the College offered a chemistry degree to its all-female student body from the start, graduating five chemistry majors in its first class in 1920.

*National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council are collectively known as The National Academies, Advisers to the Nation on Science, Engineering and Medicine.



William Baker

Brooklyn students may pursue a bachelor of science degree in chemistry with options to concentrate in biochemistry, business or secondary education, while the Suffolk Campus offers a chemistry minor and a science concentration for child study majors (also available in Brooklyn). Graduates with a bachelor's in chemistry may enter graduate programs in chemistry, molecular science or engineering, medicine or dentistry, or they can start professional lives in industrial or pharmaceutical research, chemical industry marketing and sales or secondary education. The biochemistry sequence, in particular, "is a most rigorous program attracting top students," said Professor of Chemistry S. Mary Maier, Ph.D., for more than 20 years chairperson and guiding force of SJC's Physical Sciences Dept.

"She has inspired me to one

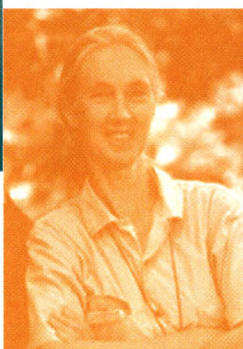
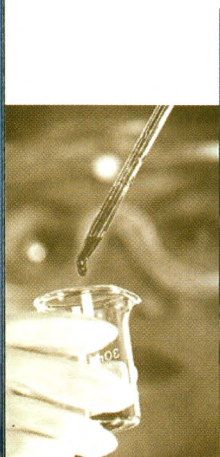
day become a scientist," current College junior and chemistry major Nicole Olsen said after attending an awards ceremony last April where S. Mary was honored as an outstanding woman scientist by the Metropolitan/New York Chapter of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS), the largest multidisciplinary scientific organization committed to equal opportunity for women in science in the U.S.

S. Mary's personal journey is an inspiring one, having come of age at a time when most women did not even attend college, let alone study science. Hired right out of high school in World War II as a lab assistant for Dr. Edward Karow of Merck Laboratories, Mary Louise Maier was immersed in cutting-edge research on penicillin synthesizing, streptomycin and vitamin B2. "The Microbiology Department of Merck was staffed mostly by

women," S. Mary recalled.

Entering religious life four years later proved the next step in Mary's development as a scientist. The Sisters of St. Joseph sent her to St. John's University, where she earned a B.S. in Chemistry, *summa cum laude*. She continued her education at the University of Detroit (M.S. Physical Chemistry) and the University of Michigan (Ph.D. Inorganic Chemistry, 1970). "There was only one woman teaching in Michigan's Chemistry Dept. at the time," S. Mary said, "and most women did not go on for their doctorates because they had too many other involvements to spend the time necessary. But it is improving." In 1966, American women earned only 8% of the science and engineering doctorates compared with 37% today.

As these statistics indicate, barriers remain, including lower



expectations (both overt and subconscious), insufficient professional and educational support systems and work/family conflicts—the most commonly cited explanations for the continuing gender gap in the “hard” sciences. SJC 2005 Suffolk alumna Nicole Rannazzisi credits the “very supportive teachers through my entire childhood” with fostering her interest in science. “It is so important for young girls to be encouraged to take part in science,” she said.

Nicole entered St. Joe’s intending to become a high school science teacher and graduated with a B.S. in Biology. She was thrilled when the Suffolk Campus introduced a chemistry minor several years ago and praised Dr. Alexander Altman, associate professor of chemistry, as “an incredible teacher . . . so supportive and helpful, who gave me the opportunity to work in the chemistry lab.” Her St. Joe’s experiences caused Nicole to change her career path, at least temporarily, and she is now a working chemist in the Research and Development Dept. of United-Guardian, Inc., a cosmetic/pharmaceutical company on Long Island. “Our first from Suffolk,” Dr. Altman proudly said of his former student.

Now in his 10th year at St. Joseph’s, Dr. Altman said the Suffolk Physical Sciences Dept.’s

present mission is to provide service courses for other majors, mostly biology, and as an area of concentration along with biology for child study majors. In the spring 2006 semester, there were 18 junior and senior chemistry minors in Suffolk, 10 women and eight men. The women he sees at this senior level “are comfortable with science,” but Dr. Altman is adamant on the importance of reaching students, particularly girls, early on.

EMPOWERED BY ‘STRONG’ WOMEN

Strong family and faculty support is universal among female science majors interviewed on the Brooklyn Campus, and these young women are convinced they can successfully pursue whatever path they choose. The preponderance of female students in her classes has impressed junior chemistry major Cindy Mei, while 2006 chemistry grad Georgia Korkokios said the all-female faculty impacted her enormously. “Looking at them, I feel I can do anything,” she said. Georgia praised Assistant Professor Kone Moriamou, Ph.D., the newest physical sciences faculty member in Brooklyn, as “wonderful . . . she explains everything fully and I would recommend her physical chemistry class to anyone.”

Tatsiana Khakhlova, a biology major, feels “empowered, surrounded by such strong women in science at SJC.” Like Nicole Olsen, so encouraged by the accomplishments of the AWIS scientists, none of these students thus far have encountered any barriers to their goals.

Associate Professor of Chemistry Jill Rehmann, Ph.D., who teaches organic chemistry and biochemistry in Brooklyn, agrees that her female students “are totally optimistic.” She adds, “It is life’s reality that presents certain obstacles for women. At the highest levels of science and business, the jobs . . . are an all-consuming kind of commitment. This is true for any high-powered career. It is hard to compete with a colleague who can stay late, go anywhere.”

Dr. Rehmann believes that culture changes are slowly coming “in recognition of these facts of life . . . so that women can have families with some institutional support.” Nevertheless, she said these accommodations are “hard ones,” and she notes that many women are deferring having children to their later 30s or not having them at all. “It’s a personal choice, and I’m not saying it’s impossible.”

The mother of teenage sons, Dr. Rehmann has been at St. Joe’s since 1997 and said she is at the

point in her life “where I can put in the kind of time in my career and at work that feels really satisfying.” Her responsibilities outside of SJC include chairmanship of the New York section of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

EARLY OUTREACH IS ESSENTIAL

Among the outreach programs sponsored by the ACS's New York section in conjunction with SJC are an annual research poster session for high school students and a science career mini-conference for young women. Open to any high school science research student, poster contestants present and

explain their research to judges, teachers and other guests.

The science career program, now in its 11th year, is offered to middle school girls and has become a favorite activity of many Brooklyn girl scout troops. In 2005, 28 scouts and five leaders attended. Called “Expanding Your Horizons,” it features experiments that are fun, demonstrate important scientific principles and connect science to everyday life.

Another outreach program that SJC has offered twice yearly for more than 20 years, “Experiences in Scientific Research,” is directed at high school students and consists of four Saturdays of laboratory experiences in a group setting. Six col-

lege professors from several scientific areas guide the students through lab projects. The most recent theme, “Contemporary Science,” introduced the currently hot research topics of nanotechnology and buckyballs.

In its 90-year history, St. Joseph's has graduated hundreds of scientists who have contributed to the fields of medicine, pharmaceutical and industrial research, education and more. *St. Joseph's College Magazine* interviewed women from the classes of 1978 to the present whose experiences as scientists have been diverse and fulfilling. Amanda Olsen Radola, a 1997 chemistry major, is representative of many of the younger female SJC science



World War II brought tremendous change to the job front at home, opening up to women entirely new areas of employment, replacing men called into military service. Rosemary O'Halloran, SJC class of '42, recalls her professional career and offers advice to today's graduates in the following article.

I worked in a chemical inspection lab for a year after graduating from St. Joseph's College, then obtained an M.S. in Physical Chemistry at Fordham University.

AN SJC PIONEER

With this advanced background, I was able to secure a professional laboratory position at a major oil company. In 1969, I was promoted to research associate – the only other woman in this staff position was a patent attorney. My work involved developing and testing lubricants, and I hold 42 U.S. patents, plus many foreign filings.

The chemical industry is still slow to hire and promote women in professional research and development careers. Other fields such as pharmaceuticals, patents, personnel and teaching are available with a B.S. in Chemistry and are more women-friendly. I was hired during World War II, along with dozens of other women with chemistry degrees, to fill vacant laboratory jobs. In 1950, soldiers returned and staff was cut. Almost all of the professional women were laid off, and the college-educated women technicians were demoted. In the

'60s and '70s, several women Ph.D.s were hired, but only two remained when I retired in 1982.

For those interested in a career in industrial research, I recommend additional training in math, engineering, computer science, statistics or business. To advance, today's women should look for on-the-job training in leadership, negotiating skills and public speaking. In addition, one must know the criteria for promotion and insist on fair evaluations. I would also encourage today's female scientists to always take on new responsibilities and become expert in one's field. In addition, promote and protect your ideas, and learn to think on your feet. If one has a curious mind and a willingness to try new ideas, one will find an interesting and exciting career in research and development, as I did for 38 years. ■



NOBEL WOMEN

Every high school graduate knows the story of Marie Sklodowska Curie, the Polish-born (1867) chemist/physicist who, together with her husband Pierre, discovered the elements radium and polonium. The couple shared the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics along with A. H. Becquerel, the discoverer of radioactivity. In 1911, Marie Curie won a second Nobel Prize in Chemistry, becoming the first person to be awarded two Nobels.

Most people are not familiar with the other 10 women who have been Nobel Laureates in the sciences over the last century, including Irene Joliot-Curie, the daughter of Marie and Pierre. She was co-recipient with her husband, Frederic Joliot, of the 1935 chemistry prize.

In 1963, Maria Goeppert-Mayer was the Nobel Laureate in Physics and Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin won the following year for chemistry. In addition, seven other women since 1947 have been awarded Nobel Prizes in physiology and medicine.

graduates successfully combining strong careers and family life. Ironically, Amanda did not want to attend St. Joe's but a Presidential Full-Tuition Scholarship proved a powerful incentive. "I really wanted to go away," Amanda said, "and I thought St. Joe's small size would be an obstacle. It turned out to be the complete opposite. Attending SJC was the best thing I ever did."

Amanda, now manager of regulatory affairs for Pfizer, Inc., and mother of two young children, started out as a biology major but switched to chemistry "because of S. Mary," whom she calls a "phenomenal teacher and mentor." She began her career at Pfizer while an SJC student, part of a former internship program at the company's Brooklyn plant initiated in 1989 by Pfizer Director/Team Leader for Worldwide Regulatory Strategy Corinne Gamper, SJC '79.

"Many Pfizer individuals started that way... S. Mary would recommend a top student," Amanda said. Last May, she completed her M.S. in Pharmaceutical Administration and assumed her new job in regulatory affairs in July, working for Corinne. "Corinne is a mentor and a big advocate of learning the ropes," Amanda said, "but I was never handed a job. I worked my way into the position over an 11-year period."

Corinne's Pfizer career began in

1982 after she completed her graduate studies in analytical chemistry at the University of Connecticut. She credits SJC with providing her the opportunities to develop leadership skills and for a "high quality, comprehensive education" that laid the building blocks of her career. Today she is responsible for a team of eight regulatory professionals who support a portfolio of more than 300 products producing a revenue stream of \$10 billion.

"The desire to pursue a career in science needs to be nurtured at an early age," Corinne said, so that young women "have a reference point for gauging their ability" to become successful scientists. "Finding mentors and leveraging their experience and guidance" is vital to this process, she continued, whether working on basic research or within the corporate world.

Another SJC graduate employed by Pfizer is Regina Gueren '95, manager, global manufacturing compliance-CNS/Neurology/Arthritis/Pain. Regina agreed that mentors were "key" in shaping the course of her professional life. "Successful coaching/development," she said, "is actually a partnership built from trust and understanding where both people share responsibility... the partnership, at its best, is a 'win-win' situation."

Like Amanda, Regina also benefited from St. Joe's Pfizer connection, working as an intern while still a stu-

dent, an opportunity she calls her "big step" into the industry. She dismisses as a "misconception that should be eradicated" any notion that a young woman can't combine a science career with a fulfilling personal life.

SMALL-SCHOOL ADVANTAGE

The value of a liberal arts small-school experience with its lower faculty-to-student ratio, attendant faculty access and intellectual cross-training is a recurring theme among those alumnae *St. Joseph's College Magazine* spoke with. This is supported by NSF statistics that show small colleges turning out close to 16% of future science and engineering doctorates—almost double the number of undergraduate students they enroll.

"SJC ensured that students mastered the basics for whatever scientific career they chose to pursue," Lisa Kump Checchio, M.D., '89, said of her four years on the Brooklyn Campus. "The small class size served to foster a better grasp of the material... students helped each other... and professors were always available. One cannot ask for a better nurturing educational experience." Lisa, who double majored in chemistry and biology, is one of approximately 10 female chemistry graduates who have become medical doctors since the 1980s, while another dozen or so chemistry alumnae have pursued

dentistry, podiatry, pharmacy and related medical fields.

Lisa does not feel that gender issues “plague women as much as they once did” in science, particularly in medicine, which has a “fairly equal component of men and women currently.” At present, she is assistant professor, obstetrics and gynecology, NYU School of Medicine, and a specialist in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

Therese Ferraro Kohl graduated *magna cum laude* from SJC 11 years before Lisa, after transferring from pre-med at St. John’s University, where she was part of a tiny minority of women studying chemistry. “By the second year, I had decided medicine wasn’t for me and was looking for something to do with a chemistry degree,” she remembered. “That’s when I decided to minor in education and transferred to SJC.”

Therese taught high school science for nine years, then spent 15 years in industry as a chemist with Unilever Research US, before becoming a self-employed consulting scientist for sensory and consumer tests and studies. She left Unilever in part because of family commitments and considers working independently perhaps “a better route for women.” She points out that in the late 1970s, “the feminist movement was still strong enough that you felt a push for

women to make a place for themselves in the career world, while now it is taken for granted in a lot of ways that you have as much opportunity as the next person.”

Therese is surprised at what she considers slow progress over the last 25 years. “Women still get the extra squeeze in terms of starting a family and not having the support or push toward a career that men have.” (See “Final Word” on page 59 for an expansion of Therese’s views.)

SUPPORTING WOMEN

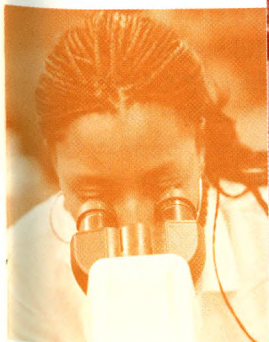
Is the unbridled optimism of the female science student, so robustly portrayed by SJC’s undergrads, therefore unrealistic? As young professors or research scientists, will these women find their opportunities limited? And what steps can the academy and business take to support women in science?

Two years ago, the General Accounting Office (GAO)—Congress’s investigative arm—as part of a report of Title IX compliance in the sciences, cited a number of ongoing university and laboratory practices that relieve work pressures and enhance hiring chances for women. Among them are an extended tenure clock of one or more semesters for a junior faculty member who has a child; one semester of reduced teaching duties to accom-

modate the birth of a child or other urgent family matter; on-site child care; flexible work schedules that may include job sharing; expanding hiring pools through widespread advertising and required representation among candidates; periodic reviews of recruiting, hiring, tenure, salaries and other data; and funding additional education and training that often leads to promotions. Child care and flex time already are widely utilized in the business sector.

In awarding its 2006 USA Fellowships for Women in Science, cosmetics industry giant L’Oréal noted “the undeniable divergence between men’s and women’s careers in the sciences after they reach their late 20s and early 30s. At each successive stage on the career path, women drop out at higher rates than men...”

The L’Oréal USA Fellowships “encourage young women to continue their careers in science, by both supporting them financially and helping them strengthen their networks in the scientific community.” Now in its third year, the highly selective program draws from a post-doctoral pool conducting groundbreaking research, women scientists who “often serve as inspirational role models, encouraging girls across the country to stay interested in science. We firmly believe that science needs women.” ■





Congratulations,



Saluting the Class of 2006

by Claudia Mirzaali

The Class of 2006 was the largest in SJC's history, with the conferring of 1,323 degrees this past spring. The College's 87th commencement was held on May 30 in Suffolk and on June 1 and 2 in Brooklyn.

Addressing graduates of the School of Arts & Sciences (SAS) and the School of Adult & Professional Education (SAPE) from the Suffolk Campus was Jim McCann, founder and chair of 1-800-Flowers.com. The School of Adult & Professional Education (SAPE) graduates at the Brooklyn Campus honored one of their own, Jean Leon '77, R.N., M.P.A. Ms.

Leon is executive director of Kings County Hospital Center and senior vice president of the Central Brooklyn Family Network.

Johanna Duncan-Poitier, deputy commissioner, Office of Higher Education, NYS Education

Department, spoke at the Brooklyn SAS commencement. All three commencement speakers received honorary Doctor of Law degrees.

Valedictory honors were awarded to Suffolk SAPE student Linda Scarlato, Suffolk SAS student Krista Celano, Brooklyn SAPE student Christopher Valis and Brooklyn SAS student Mary Goodwin. ■

Pictured clockwise from left: a happy grad gets a hug; Janet Prendergast Vickery '31 and Mary Goodwin; a future alumna; Jim McCann; Jean Leon is hooded by Academic VP S. Loretta McGrann; Linda Scarlato; bagpipers perform at the Nassau Coliseum; Krista Celano; S. Joan Ryan leads the Suffolk procession with SGA leaders; Johanna Duncan-Poitier with SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill; and Christopher Valis with S. Elizabeth.

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Class of 2006!



Future nurse inspired by 'non-traditional' friend

by Christine Mullaney



One immigrated to the U.S. alone in the 1980s to make a better life for herself and her daughter. The other grew up on Long Island with her family. One is in "mid" middle age, a working registered nurse taking courses towards a B.S. in Nursing at St. Joseph's "as I can handle them," the other a 21-year-old new alumna headed off to graduate school. Despite these differences, they forged a unique bond in Dr. Paul Ginnetty's Group Dynamics and Communication class.

After leaving Jamaica, Paulette Clue-Wisdom worked as a nanny, attended Baruch College, got married and gave birth to her second daughter, became a nursing aide at Good Samaritan Hospital, divorced and went back to school at Suffolk Community College, graduating in 1999 with a nursing degree. Now in her 12th year at Good Sam, Paulette works in the hospital's telemetry unit ministering to stroke victims and other patients with neurological complications.

When Paulette met Sarah Mondello, she said, "Sarah made me feel like I was 21, too." For Sarah, Paulette "is years into where I want to be." Each has a personal story that brought her to nursing.

"I was taught to give of self," Paulette said, "and when I was young I wanted to be a missionary." After Paulette moved here, a young aunt of

hers became very sick and was hospitalized. The student nurses who cared for her aunt inspired Paulette to enter nursing.

"The experience of taking care of my grandmother, who suffers from Alzheimer's, turned my thoughts to nursing," Sarah, a psychology major, said. She is entering Adelphi University's bachelor's program in nursing and expects to graduate in two to three years.

"Paulette kept me laughing and she wants to see me achieve," Sarah said of her "non-traditional" friend, who sees herself as a mentor to Sarah. Each is thankful for the Group Dynamics class where "everyone opened up" and they became friends. ■

Pictured above: Sarah Mondello, left, with friend and classmate Paulette Clue-Wisdom. Sarah is a member of the Class of 2006.

Sports Shorts



Golden Eagle Frank D'Aversa

Suffolk Baseball

The Golden Eagles put together a 21-18 record and made it to the championship game of the Skyline Tournament before dropping a heartbreaker to Centenary College, 3-2, in 12 innings. Coach Caden's pitching staff boasted a great team ERA and was NCAA-ranked all season. The staff was led by senior Frank D'Aversa, who posted 32.1 consecutive scoreless innings, a school record. Five Eagles were named All-Skyline Conference: Frank, Eduin Delgado, Steve Pileggi, Joe DellaUniversita and Tyler Ruthizer.

Coming Soon to Brooklyn

Men's baseball and women's cross country join the sports roster in Brooklyn as the Athletic Department progresses toward NCAA provisional membership status in 2007-08. Baseball has been competing as a club sport and will begin a modified varsity schedule in 2007. Women's cross country, under the direction of current men's coach Mark Carbone, will compete in selected meets this fall.

Suffolk Track and Field

At the CTC Championships, junior Henry Perez placed second in the long jump, and on his last attempt in the triple jump competition, leapt from fifth to second place and the silver medal with a personal best jump of 45 feet, 1.5 inches. That performance qualified him for the Division III ECAC Championship meet in both the long and triple jump. Senior Bryan Knipfing also qualified for the ECAC in the 5K but instead elected to run his first L.I. marathon.

Brooklyn Women's Volleyball

With the return of two National All-Americans to the line-up in 2006, the Lady Bears once again appear powerful entering the 2006 campaign. Junior stars Magdalena Wiecek, Marzena Stadnicka and Svetlana Medvedeva are back to attempt to claim their third consecutive Hudson Valley Conference championship, solidifying the



Three-sport athlete Svetlana Medvedeva

nucleus of the talented squad. The Ladies also hope to gain a spot in the USCAA National Tournament.

Suffolk Golf

Senior golfer Kevin Jackson won the individual championship at the Long Island Intercollegiate Golf Championship. Kevin, a 2005 All-Skyline Conference honoree, shot a 153 (77, 76) in the two-day tournament that featured six L.I. colleges competing. Coach George Cangero was the driving force behind the revival of the Long Island tournament.

Kudos to Svetlana Medvedeva

Congratulations to junior Svetlana Medvedeva, recipient of the Dean of Students' Leadership Award. In addition to being named to the USCAA National All-American squad for her tremendous season in volleyball, Svetlana was also a key performer on the basketball and tennis teams and she served as the photography editor of the student newspaper and the yearbook.

Brooklyn Dance Team

Assistant to the Dean of Students Kean Hawker and Assistant to the Director of Alumni Relations Miranda Graf will coach the Dance Team in 2006-07. Kean and Miranda bring a wealth of dance and choreography experience to the program as it expands into the realm of intercollegiate competition in addition to performing at basketball home games. Special thanks to Jaime Vacca-Hoefner for her leadership over the past four years.

Suffolk Softball

In a remarkable 23-11 season, the Eagles saw four players elected to the All-Skyline Team: Jennifer

Martinez, Kelly Fagan, Michelle Nardella and Kaitlin Schamberger. Kristen Mercado was named *Newsday* Female Athlete of the Week following her game-winning RBI in the Skyline Championship game. Coach Al Sciangula and his assistants Erin Molloy and Fred Cohen were named 2006 Skyline Coaching Staff of the Year.

Equestrian

Sophomore Elizabeth Harrison advanced to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Nationals by finishing as Reserve Champion (second place) in the Walk/Trot at

the IHSA Zone 2 Finals. In addition to Elizabeth, the following riders qualified for the Zone Finals Regional round: Krystie Kiernan, Nicole Sottilo, Tricia Crispins, Jessica Condon and alumna Amanda Marsh.

Coach Carbone Re-elected HVMAC Prez

Brooklyn Athletic Director Frank P. Carbone was re-elected to serve another two-year term as president of the Hudson Valley Men's Athletic Conference, which now includes eight member institutions (including SJC). ■

CAN'T GET TO THE GAMES?

For continuing updates on
St. Joseph's intercollegiate
men's and women's athletic teams,
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Skyline champs fly to new heights

by Frank Flandina



The Skyline champion Golden Eagles softball team (23-11) reached a milestone this season as it stepped into the national spotlight, becoming the first program in St. Joseph's history to win games in the NCAA Tournament.

Bolstered by the golden arm of star pitcher Jennifer Martinez, the Golden Eagles proved they could

beat some of the best teams in NCAA Division III. However, Skyline Coach of the Year Al Sciangula's squad was derailed in its quest for the NCAA Softball Championship when it was rained out of its chance to advance to the championship round, just as the ladies were riding a wave of momentum going into the "final four."

Previously, St. Joseph's upset defending champion Manhattanville College in two straight sudden-death games in the finals of the Skyline Conference Tournament and captured the Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Regional round.

Jennifer Martinez, a recent transfer to St. Joseph's, quickly became the most decorated student-athlete in SJC history. Jennifer set a new Division III collegiate record with 21 strikeouts in a regulation game just eight days after tying the existing record with 20.

The Bay Shore native was crowned the 2006 NCAA ERA and Strikeouts Champion in addition to making the National Fastball Coaches Association All-Region Team and the NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team and being named Skyline Pitcher of the Year, Skyline Tournament MVP and *Newsday* Female Athlete of the Week.

Next season, the Eagles will welcome back 12 members of the 2006 team, including Jennifer. ■



St. Joe's Brooklyn softball wrap-up



After attaining a disappointing 1-9 record by April, the Lady Bears softball team faced a long road to the conference championship.

"There was no way that I was going to end my St. Joe's career with a losing record," said senior pitcher/shortstop Kristin Healy. After the team won 17 of its final 21 games in a remarkable turnaround, Kristin led the Lady Bears to their second

Hudson Valley Women's Athletic Conference title. "I knew we had the talent to overcome the rough start," said Coach Frank Carbone.

In a semifinal win over New Rochelle, Kristin pitched five innings and added 2 hits and 2 RBIs. She was joined by fellow All-American centerfielder Lynette Reyes (2 hits, 2 runs), first baseman Kaitlin O'Neill (2 RBIs) and leftfielder Theresa Mendez (2 hits, 2 runs). In the championship game, St. Joe's

stormed back from a 3-0 first-inning deficit and scored nine runs over the next two innings—4 by shortstop C.J. Kavanagh—to overwhelm the second-seed Eagles from the College of St. Elizabeth (NJ), 11-3.

The conference title capped off a winning season for Kristin and Lynette, both of whom received U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) First Team All-American honors and secured HVWAC All-Conference selections to close out their impressive careers. With the loss of these two star players next season, the Lady Bears will be counting on veterans Kaitlin and C.J., as well as All-Conference backstop Kristen Izzo, sophomore hurler Ryan Vasquez and freshman outfielder Theresa Mendez.

"I am so happy that all of our hard work paid off with the title," said senior utility specialist Laurie Hartwig. "I will always cherish the fact that we battled back and truly left a lasting mark on the SJC softball program." ■

Lady Bears 2006 Individual Honors

USCAA National All-Americans

Kristin Healy (1st team)
Lynette Reyes (1st team)

USCAA Academic All-American

Kristen Izzo

HVWAC Championship Tournament MVP

Kristin Healy

HVWAC All-Conference Selections

Kristin Healy
Lynette Reyes
Laurie Hartwig
Kristen Izzo



Scholar Athletes Honored

SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill (left) with the recipients of the 2006 S. Virginia Thérèse Callahan Award for Academic Excellence, presented to the Suffolk male and female athletes with the highest G.P.A. They are: Bryan Knipfing (cross country and indoor/outdoor track and field) and JoAnn Woodruff (women's basketball). Both are graduating seniors.

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Grad enters medical practice

by Jessica McAleer Decatur



Claudia Mirzaali/SJC

Dr. Matthew Sokol '97 is not your ordinary physician from Long Island. At 31, he has already completed a three-year residency program in Family Medicine at Southside Hospital, where he served as chief resident. The Suffolk Campus graduate is now entering private practice with two of his former classmates and friends.

Self-inspired to pursue medicine, Matthew completed his undergraduate course work at St. Joseph's, where he studied biology and the basic sciences as a foundation for the rigors of medical school. In December 2002, he earned his medical degree from St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, an independent nation within the British Commonwealth located in the southern Caribbean. He completed his clinical training at Jamaica Hospital in Queens, NY.

Matthew said his SJC professors and mentors prepared him well for the field of medicine, and he attributes his academic successes in medical school to the excellent faculty and high academic standards at St. Joseph's.

"The biology program at St. Joseph's is very grueling, and I definitely think that helped prepare me for medical school," explained Matthew. "I also did very well on my board exams, better than my friends

who entered into U.S. medical programs, and I attribute that to both schools."

While a student at St. Joseph's, Matthew was captain of the tennis team, treasurer of the Campus Activities Board and a founding brother of the *Delta Psi Omega* fraternity. In addition, he received Dean's List recognition and was in numerous honor societies at both SJC and St. George's.

His advice to current students interested in pursuing a career in medicine is to achieve and maintain academic excellence, network and get involved in volunteer and extracurricular activities that will help them stand out from the crowd. "Medical school is very demanding, and you must learn to become disciplined and regimented if you want to do well," he said.

In July 2006, Matthew joined Patchogue Family Medical with alumnae from both of his respective alma maters, SJC alumna Dr. Christine Doucet '90 (who also attended St. George's) and Elaine Timm, M.D., another St. George's graduate.

A native Long Islander who currently resides in Copiague, Matthew is an avid golfer who also enjoys traveling. He recently returned from Scotland—the birthplace of the sport—where he had the chance to engage in his favorite pastime while touring the scenic countryside imbued in culture, history and beauty. ■

Fusing work and pleasure in dream job

by Christine Mullaney



Osamu Takahashi

As a high school student, Christopher Hughes loved visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art and remembers telling a friend it would be a great place to work. That wish came true for the SJC alumnus—he earned his B.S. in Business Administration from the Suffolk Campus in 1992—11 years ago when he joined the Met development staff. Formerly, he worked at Amnesty International after earning an M.B.A. in Finance from St. John's University.

Chris is now the Met's deputy chief development officer for research and strategic planning, leading a team that provides strategy and support for the museum's

\$900 million capital campaign, The Fund for the Met, in addition to its corporate, special exhibition and individual giving programs.

Each year more than four million people visit the Met to view its collection of over two million works that spans 5,000 years of culture, from prehistory to the present and from every part of the globe.

Although Chris described the current atmosphere for raising money at nonprofits as "difficult," he said the Met's campaign has now surpassed \$800 million, which has funded the reinstallations of several major galleries, most recently the permanent Hellenistic, Etruscan and Roman Art Galleries. Set to

reopen in spring 2007, the galleries feature a beautifully renovated Roman sculpture court.

The Met is also undertaking a complete renovation of its educational facilities, which serve over 350,000 students each year.

Chris said attendance at all of New York's cultural institutions fell after 9/11, but has recovered to near pre-9/11 levels, and he credits the Met's "devoted board and constituency, great leaders, as well as a diversity of programs that is unparalleled" for its successful fundraising.

On the faculty of Columbia University's Master's of Fundraising Management program for five years, Chris teaches a hands-on course to help non-profit professionals assess their institutions' needs and develop growth strategies. "Nonprofits need smart, capable people to utilize many of the same sets of skills and problem-solving abilities that I learned with my M.B.A. and at St. Joseph's. It's really great . . . to make a positive impact on the way non-profits are operating."

Eleven years after landing his dream job at the Met, Chris is "still fascinated by it—its collections, its incredibly smart and talented people and its programs." ■

Pictured above: Alumnus Christopher Hughes '92 at his "dream job" in the Charles Engelhard Court of the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The facade is from the Branch Bank of the United States, built in the 1820s, and moved from Wall Street to the museum in the 1920s.

Teaching one of priest's most rewarding roles

by Michael Banach



For alumnus Fr. Thomas Ahearn, the qualities embodied in St. Joseph's mission statement—integrity, intellectual and spiritual values, social responsibility and service—are not merely words but a way of life. Following graduation from the Brooklyn Campus in 1985, Fr. Tom worked in the private sector for several years before deciding to pursue a religious vocation.

After he was ordained in 1994, Fr. Tom was assigned to St. Leo's in Corona, Queens, and then to Cathedral H.S. in Brooklyn, where he taught English and religion. In 2002, he was assigned to his current post at St. Teresa of Avila in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn.

Originally the social hub of the Haitian community, St. Teresa's has attracted immigrants from various West Indian countries in recent years. Working in an ethnically diverse parish presents a distinct challenge for Fr. Tom, as parishioners speak three languages—English, Haitian Kreyole and Spanish.

Despite these barriers, the church operates a soup kitchen and food pantry and also provides referral services to parishioners in need.

Over the next 10 years, Fr. Tom envisions a vibrant St. Teresa's working closely with surrounding parishes.

Brooklyn Campus chaplain since 2002, Fr. Tom is also an adjunct professor who teaches courses on the theology of death and dying and the sacraments. "I particularly appreciate the small class size and the inquisitive nature of the students [at SJC]," he said. "Along with celebrating Mass, teaching is my favorite part of the job because it allows me to share with others my passion for and interest in the Church."

With many child study majors in his classes, Fr. Tom feels privileged to educate the next generation of teachers. "In my own small way," he said, "I help influence youth and make the future a better place." ■

Career networking, mentoring programs announced

The SJC Alumni Office and the Office of Counseling & Career Development are teaming up to build their alumni mentoring and career networking programs.

The Suffolk Campus will offer the first of many planned career networking nights on Nov. 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Shea Conference Room (O'Connor Hall), for business and accounting majors. Alumni panelists will share their professional journeys since graduating from SJC. Students and alumni are encouraged to attend. Different majors will be spotlighted throughout the year.

Alumni volunteers are needed to serve as mentors and/or panelists for upcoming mentoring and career networking events. If you are able to offer your experience and expertise

to students who are getting ready to declare a major or enter the work force, please contact the appropriate campus office:

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Mary Jo Chiara
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Suffolk Alumni Office
Matthew Colson
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Don't forget to register your name on the SJC PAD (Professional Alumni Directory). PAD is an alumni web page for career networking that includes a listing of services that alumni can offer to one another.

In addition, the Office of Counseling & Career Development

in Brooklyn is currently seeking alumni from all industries to become career mentors to current students. Mentors help students develop realistic appreciation of their career choices. Under the mentor's guidance, students can examine the pros and cons of their targeted profession and understand their qualifications, skills, strengths and the attributes needed to succeed. The program will be highlighted by a Nov. 14 dinner reception at the Brooklyn Campus where alumni mentors and their mentees will share what they have learned with other students.

To learn more about this program, contact Director of Counseling & Career Development Frank LaTerra at 718.636.6822 or flaterra@sjcny.edu. ■

How management graduates spell success

by Sarah Hartmann

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Jean Zephirin at the Valley Stream location of his business, MGZ Communication. Jean also operates a store in Elmont.

For alumni Juan Carlos Martinez, Jean Zephirin and Kathleen Nugent, success is spelled SMAC. It stands for the Self-directed Managerial Applications Component, a key element of the SJC Graduate Management Studies program that requires students to apply a concept from each course to a real-life workplace issue or problem. SMAC is a research project, the topic of which the student chooses.

"I can't tell you how many times we hear from students that their SMAC was the reason why they got promoted," said Program Director Mary Chance. "And many of our students have had their SMACs published. I don't believe there is any other graduate program that offers students this opportunity."

The program offers three master's degrees: an M.S. in Management, an Executive M.B.A. and an M.B.A. in Accounting. The foundation course requires students to fill out a questionnaire in

which they evaluate themselves on 20 essential traits of outstanding managers; friends or family evaluate them as well. This process leads students to discover their managerial strengths and weaknesses and to create a learning plan.

Juan, who earned both an M.S. in Management (with a concentration in Organizational Management) and an Executive M.B.A., credits the program with his career rise at Eckerd drug stores, where he had worked as a pricing trainer. After earning his degrees, he snagged the position of store manager and recently interviewed to become the pricing manager for the chain's 2,000 stores.

A Guatemalan native, Juan is also using what he learned from the program to create a roadway map model for Guatemala. He says the country's Department of Commerce has expressed serious interest and adds that his managerial abilities honed at SJC helped him with the project.

Jean says the management studies program—from which he also earned two master's degrees—gave him the idea to start his own business, MGZ Communication, a telecommunication operation that sells cell phones and other services like bill payment and money transfers. He is also regional manager for Unitransfer, a money transmitting company based on the Western Union model.

"A key element that got me the job was the fact that I had my own business," Jean said. "They were impressed by my educational background, my degrees and my leadership style," all of which he acquired at SJC.

Kathleen, currently the director of clinical management at Gentiva Health Services, credits the management studies program for getting her where she is today. After over two decades working as a hospital and visiting home health care nurse, she went back to school in 1999.

"At that time, I was a full-time field nurse for home care. A criterion for the program is that you have to incorporate work experience into your course work," she said.

Kathleen earned her M.S. in Management with a concentration in Health Care Management in 2001. A field staff of 140 now reports to her.

Kathleen says the SJC program helped her to target numerous abilities, especially attention to detail. "Now it is a strength, and I use it on my job daily. The St. Joe's program really changed me. I stepped out of the box I was in and moved into something really different, and I like it." ■

Accepted to graduate school? Getting married? Ready to retire and take that long awaited trip around the world? That's great news, and we'd like to share it with the rest of the College community in Class Notes. Please submit news items and photos either through your class agent, or through the Publications Office (319 West Roe Blvd., Patchogue, NY 11772; fax: (631) 447-8261; e-mail: skane@sjcny.edu). Please include your graduation year and degree (B.A., B.S., M.S., M.A., M.B.A.) earned. Thank you!

Compiled by Claudia Mirzaali

1930s

Marian Kinsley Donnelly '39 and her family traveled to Spain to attend the wedding of her grandson, Paul.



Longtime friends **Claire Brennan Suchan '36**, **Kathryne Heffernan Steffany '37**, **Marjorie Parker Smith '37** and **Margaret MacGillivray Seidel '37** recently reached 90 years young!



Steve Birkland/SMB Photography

SJC President **S. Elizabeth Hill** (left) greets **Janet Prendergast Vickrey '31**, who celebrated the 75th anniversary of her class during the Spring Reunion Luncheon held April 29 at The University Club in NYC.

1940s

Ethyl Comerford '40 retired from Kimberly Clark and teaching in a Catholic school. She moved from Sag Harbor and is with her daughter and her family.

Margaret McDerby Shea '41 sent in news that several classmates gathered for the Spring Luncheon. **Edith Mullen Boisi** and **Edna Hall Murray** shared photos of their newest grandchildren. **Bette Whalen Bonsall** renewed an old friendship with **Agatha Maimone Lombardo**. **Adele Mulligan Seymour**, suffering from pancreatic cancer, was unable to attend. **Isha Murphy Kiefer** moved to Atlanta, GA, to be near a son; she keeps in touch with Adele. Thanks to Edith and Bette for their work in calling classmates.

Regina Cogan Becht '44, a widow for 10 years, has seven children and 17 grandchildren.

Clare Bauch reported from the Class of 1945: **Margaret Millus Maroldy** visited Lourdes, France, to assist pilgrims. Margaret said that **Rita Rocke O'Brien** is making progress in overcoming her health problems. We wish her well along with other classmates who are not all "hale and hearty."

Marian Quealy Zoll '46 is a Eucharistic Minister to homebound parishioners in



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SJC President **S. Elizabeth Hill** holds a framed apostolic blessing from Pope Benedict XVI obtained by **Joan Reardon Dillon '56** during her visit to Rome last fall. The proclamation extends the Holy Father's blessing upon the College's faculty, alumni and students on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Class of 1956, celebrated during the Spring Reunion Luncheon held April 29 at The University Club in NYC.

Target: Hope

*Out of the towering acrid smoke
Let there arise the essence of Hope
For prayer and peace and unity
A pattern for humanity*

*Let revenge be not our creed
For it sows an ugly seed
Violence takes a terrible toll
And will not return a single soul
Let us erect spires three: a holy trinity
To celebrate the lives of the dear departed
Who one September day were martyred*

*Let the mantra that we daily say
Be the words, "Let us Pray"*

— Marie E. O'Connor '31

her home parish of St. Vincent de Paul in Sterling, NJ.

Elizabeth Ahrens Beadle '48 was included in the latest edition of *Who's Who in American Education* and *Who's Who in America*.

1950s

Claire MacVenn Dillon '51 said that 11 classmates enjoyed a reunion at the Spring Luncheon. Renewing friendships were **Rita Dorgler Bartscherer**, **Claire MacVenn Dillon**, **Mary Egan**, **Marguerite Fenton**, **Jean Vallone Gagliardo**, **Betty Harkin**, **Barbara Hawke**, **Jean Walsh McGonigle**, **Helen Burke Naylor**, **Margaret Simonelli LaCerra** and **Geraldine Hanlon Weiss**. **S. Helen Donahoe's** sudden illness prevented her from attending. **Mary Rassmar** sent a letter wishing to be remembered to everyone. Mary lives in Texas with her sister.

Margaret Simonelli LaCerra '51 was honored by the Diocese of Trenton for 25 years service at St. Charles Borromeo School; she has taught in the diocese for 37 years. She and **Geraldine Hanlon Weiss** joined others at the reunion.

Marion Orlando Celenza '53 was a guest on *Telecare L.I. TV 29's* "Good News with Father Jim Vlaun" to discuss her recently published cookbook.



Carole Rooney '62, treasurer of the SJC Brooklyn Alumni Association, with her new husband, Victor Morris. The happy couple were married on Feb. 18, 2006.

Santina Naddeo '55 and **Clara Sciutto Cannavo '55** traveled to Tuscany, Italy, together.

Marilyn Baque Starace '55 and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February. They also welcomed their 14th grandchild, Nathaniel.

Ann Bauch shared news from the Class of 1956: **Carolyn Black Sedacca**, **Eileen Hale Peters**, **Winnie Cavanagh Malone**, **Carol Cahill Downey** and **Angela Alexander Maher** were among those present at the annual Florida alumni reunion. They also attended their class's 50th-anniversary luncheon. **Catherine**

Ahders Schmitt came from London, England, and while here visited her mother, **Eugenie Cormier Ahders '28**. **Regina Miler** traveled from Vermont and was delighted to see **Anna Costello Stellwag**, **Elaine Jacklitsch Sheehan** and **Doris Jacklitsch** from Florida. **Val Cannon Curry** came, as did **Marie Lydon Heidelberger**. **Terry McManus McQuaid** traveled from Michigan, **Joan Reardon Dillon** and **Kay McMullen Schafer** from Pennsylvania and **Joan Marren Brennan** from Virginia. **Connie Gibilisco**, **Joan Flannery Leo**, **Marie Saraniero Sauerbrun** and **Helen Gruner McCrory** were glad to see each other after 50 years. **Dorothy Senges Campbell** and **Anna Mae McCabe Killard** came together. **Mary Feeney Dwyer**, **Anne Marie Amadei McCartney**, **S. Miriam Lucille Montella**, **Betty Dennen Moss** plus many others also attended "Spres," an extension of the celebration. They toured the College, and proper dress was a hat and white gloves, reminiscent of the '50s. **Betty Savino Acerra**, **Eileen McGuire Esposito**, **Lucille Waters Granfort**, **Mary Engelskirger Seery**, **Jackie Taafe Coleman** and **Ann Bauch** were among those sporting the latest chapeau. **Jane Maher Catron** and **Brinda Stack Frappollo** enjoyed their return to the College. **Anne Porter Molanphy** and **Mickey Burke Eldon**, who recently welcomed grandson, Andrew John, displayed snapshots in the Parlors of "245."



Members of the Golden Jubilee Class of 1956 were the honored guests at the Alumni Spring Reunion held April 29 at The University Club in NYC.

Barbara Morrison Marlborough, Class of '57, said several members recently met for lunch in Manhattan. Enjoying the day were: **Dolores Bryan Weeden**, **Anne Buckley McAssey**, **Joan Costa Davis**, **Dorothy Dembinski Jesinsky**, **Edna Gibbons Andreassi**, **Frances Higgins**, **Gloria Johnson Talty**, **Barbara Morrison Marlborough** and **Joan Seibert Smalto**.

Ann Kelly Lockwood's ('59) husband, Colonel Retired Edward Lockwood, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Bettyanne McDonough '59 and her husband, Tom Shanahan, traveled to the Caribbean and down the Amazon River last fall.

1960s

Carole Rooney Morris and **Rosemary Reilly Pfaffle** reported on the Class of 1961: A group of classmates met the evening before Spring Luncheon to toast the marriage of **Carole Rooney** to Victor Morris this past February. Carole retired as a business systems analyst from Guardian. **Joan Tierney Carney** has six grandchildren and enjoys playing golf and tennis and teaching piano lessons. **Liz Hussey Jennings** visited **Pat**

Coleman Campbell in Boyton Beach, FL. **Carol Trivisonno Lambiase** celebrated the marriage of her son and the birth of her first grandchild. **Mary Ganley**, retired from the NYC Public Schools, has been elected vice president of the Brooklyn Catholic Teachers Assoc. She teaches CCD classes at Good Shepherd. **Barbara Frohnhof Feldmann** and her husband, Richard, visited their daughter and her family in India for Christmas. **Lynn Soerenson Thornton**, who lives in Hamilton, NJ, is the director of a local senior citizen center and president of the NJ Assoc. of Senior Citizen Directors. In March, Lynn traveled through the Panama Canal. **Joan Kraft**, a retired nursing instructor for the Visiting Nurse Service, returned to that position part time. **Roberta Gentile Neuman** is a retired high school principal living in Beverly, MA, where she's a docent at the Peabody Essex Museum of the China Trade in Salem. **Ada Tracey Stankard** and her husband, Bob, took a six-week trip to Australia and New Zealand. **Maureen O'Leary Griffith** lives near Pittsburgh, PA, and is an avid hockey fan, attending most of her grandson's games. **Sue Ann Glenn McCabe** is a retired high school guidance counselor on L.I.; she enjoys her first granddaughter, Erin. **Mary McLaughlin Regan** and

her husband, Jack, have been traveling to Europe and California. **Rosemary Reilly Pfaffle** and her husband, Tony, attended the christening of Mary's granddaughter, Kelly Claire. **Mary Alice Riddle** welcomed grandson, Michael Patrick Ryan.

Mary Collins Macchiarola '62 said that she, **Pat Sweeney** and **Ginny O'Rourke McLaughlin** enjoyed the Spring Luncheon. Ginny shared stories about her five-week journey through Australia and New Zealand, and then on to Costa Rica.

Elizabeth Williams Auricchio shared news from the Class of 1963: **Kathryn Kiernan O'Malley** is an associate of the Sisters of Divine Compassion. **Margaret Fitzgerald Mihalo** and her husband, Bob, traveled to Alaska. **Susan Endzull** is enjoying her retirement and taking piano lessons. She went on a bird watching trip to Texas, viewing 150 species of birds. Susan, **Julie Wanzel Bernroth** and **Helen Wagner Cloherty** meet regularly for lunch. **Anne Millin Schrage** is also enjoying retirement; she volunteers teaching ESL at Mercy Center in the Bronx, where she was greeted by **Rosemarie McGrath**, the employment opportunity coordinator. **Penny Madden Moroney** and Julie both live in Port Washington and often get together with their husbands. Penny recently welcomed a new grandchild.

Margaret Mary Byrnes '63 is a field supervisor in elementary education in the graduate programs at Molloy College and Fordham Univ. She teaches a course in critical reading at Molloy.

Maryann Gentile Norcott '63 recently retired and welcomed new granddaughter, Madison Rose, in 2004.

Elisabeth Vecsey Gembecki '64 is head of school for High Meadows School in Roswell, GA, a non-sectarian private school for grades preschool through eighth.

Marie Orlando '64 is a youth services coordinator for the Suffolk Cooperative Library Systems. She and her husband, Phil, like spending time at their home in upstate NY.

Pat Hunter Grace '66 shared news of her



The Brandt siblings enjoyed a family reunion while attending the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Conference in Chicago last April. From left: John Brandt, a 1975 graduate of St. Francis College and Maine executive director of ASCD; Sigrid Brandt Frawley '73, a conference presenter; Mary Ellen DuBiel Freeley '67, president of ASCD; and Annette DuBiel '74.



Members of the Class of 1971 celebrate their 35th anniversary at the Spring Luncheon Reunion in April. The group includes Virginia O'Rourke McLaughlin '62 (seated, second from left), who co-chaired the event.

classmates and their 40th anniversary reunion: 24 members of the class attended. **Jane Boden Muir** traveled from Boca Raton, FL, and **Nancy McCormack Tylor** came from Shaker Heights, OH. They each have five grandchildren. **Cathy Harper Burgh** and **Monica Flynn Sasscer** traveled from Virginia. **Pat Hunter Grace** came from Cape Cod; she retired from nursing and recently welcomed a new granddaughter. Pat spends part of the year in Florida and would like

to know if there are classmates in the Ft. Myers area. **Helen Lynch Canal** retired from teaching. **JoAnne Danaher Shea** is a guidance counselor in Rockaway; she recently lost her mother. Pat, Helen and JoAnne spent 10 days in Italy last year to celebrate their 60th birthdays. **MaryLou Herndon** is a Suffolk CPS supervisor in Riverhead; she has two grandchildren. **Pat Lombardo** retired from Fort Hamilton H.S. **Jean Stephens Maffei** retired from John Browne H.S., but con-

tinues as a part-time consultant. **Magaly Lopez-Lohnes** teaches at Holy Cross H.S. in Flushing. **Angela Como Dausoff**, who left SJC after her sophomore year to get married, finished her degree at Marymount; she lives in Hampton Bays. **Clare Kelly Linnie** is a retired social worker. She and her husband recently entertained family from Ireland at their Sunset Park home. **Rosemary Cannella Guglielmo** teaches in New Jersey. **Judith Collins** lives in Bay Ridge and has retired from teaching but continues to work as a consultant. **Claudette Townsend** retired from teaching and lives in Queens. **Joan Connolly Marone** teaches special ed. on Staten Island. **Drs. Margaret McHugh** and **Anne-Marie Nardi Paley** are practicing in the fields of pediatrics and psychiatry respectively. Other reunion attendees were: **Mary O'Connell Gifford**, **Anne Mulryan Gralton**, **Joanne Prete Mazzini**, **Mary Devlin** and **Cathy Parks Conway**. Sending regards were **Beth Evans Guarnieri** and her husband, who were on a two-week vacation to Italy; Beth is a grandmother of seven. **Delia DeZorzi Stankevich** welcomed her fifth grandson. **Mary Wittels Kuhn** and her husband have both retired; they live in Syosset and summer on Martha's Vineyard. **Nina Lagana DiFusco** has three granddaughters.

Magaly Lopez-Lohnes '66 welcomed her first grandson, Kevin Robert Lohnes, born in October 2005.

Joyce Marchetta Bisso '67 is assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools. She was principal at George W. Hewlett H.S.

Rosemary Naccarato Jones '69 was appointed to the Board of the New York State Teachers Retirement System.

Kate Graves Mentlik '69 is celebrating 15 years in the Dept. of Ophthalmology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. She developed the certification mentoring program for ophthalmic technicians and in-service CE courses and teaches technicians desiring certification.

Maureen Sullivan Tully '69 retired from teaching special education in NYC and



The 30th-reunion Class of 1976 gathered with fellow graduates at the Alumni Spring Reunion on April 29 at The University Club in NYC.



Members of the Brooklyn Class of 2001 gathered for an informal reunion May 19 at the campus.

theology at Bishop Brady H.S. in Concord, NH. She is now the administrative assistant for the NH Real Estate Appraiser Board.

1970s

Barbara Hurley Camporeale '72 is on sabbatical from P.S. 29 on Staten Island. She has three grandchildren.

Christine Guardia Kopyt '72 has taken courses since completing her sixth-year degree to be certified in the State of Connecticut for middle school English and math in grades 4–8.

Fred Herron '74 addressed academic conferences in the past year at Notre Dame University, Marquette University, Bellarmine University and the National Catholic Educational Assoc. Annual Convention. He and his son, Michael, presented at the Sixth General Meeting of the Thomas Merton Society of Great Britain and Ireland. Fred is chairperson of the Religious Studies Dept. at Fontbonne Hall Academy, a member of the Dept. of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's Univ. and director of adult faith formation at St. Clare's Parish on Staten Island.

1980s

Donna Neftleberg Faiella '81 and her husband, Vincent, adopted a son in June 2004.

Petrina Chiarelli '82 welcomed twin grandchildren, Carissa and Vincent, born

in December 2004.

Barbara Navetta '82, a retired R.N., has been married for 32 years.

1990s

Lisa Demodna '91 received her M.S. in Special Education in 2002. She is a middle school special ed. teacher in Great Neck.

Melissa Luff Loizides '91, M.S. '04 welcomed son, Zachary Peter, in October 2005.

Kathleen Perun '91 completed her M.S. in Education. She is a permanent substitute teacher in the Sachem Central School District.

Deborah Rothaug '93 is a school media specialist at Pasadena Elementary School in Plainview.

Andrea Messina Smargiassi '93 is a special education teacher at the High School for Leadership and Public Service in Manhattan.

Kathleen J. Murray Beebe '94 recently received the Psychology Award from Citadel College's Graduate and Professional Studies Program in South Carolina. The award recognizes outstanding scholarship, technical skill and community service. Her thesis appears in the *Psychological Review*. Kathleen is married and the mother of three.

Theresa Glass '94 is director of clinical services medical/surgical-ICU and staff development at Eastern Long Island

Hospital in Greenport, NY. She was selected as one of the hospital's "Nurses of Excellence" and was nominated for the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Nurse of Excellence Award.

Chris and Gina Henaghan '95 welcomed a son, C.J., in June 2003.

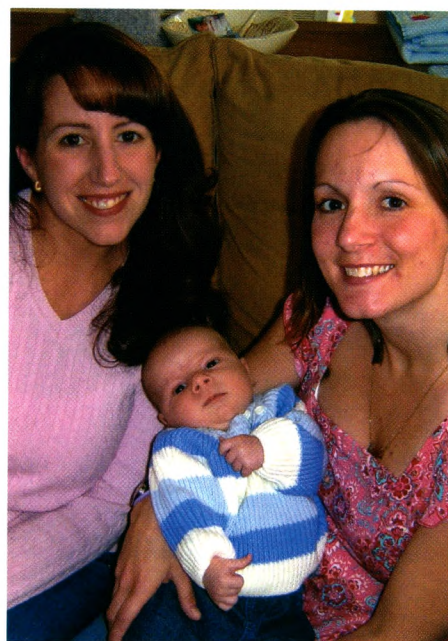
Francesca Scichilone Grosso '96 and her husband, Saverio, have two sons, Anthony Michael and Nicholas Peter.

Heather Tambini '97 was promoted to analyst in the associate director's Office of Human Resources at the Internal Revenue Service.

Dr. Amy DeMaso Machado '98 and her husband, Dennis, welcomed a daughter, Sarah Marie, in May 2006.

Congratulations to **Michelle Murray '98** and Joseph Mahler, who were married in July 2005. Michelle works in the Office of Human Resources at Suffolk County Community College.

Danielle Robbins '98 was elected president of the Assoc. of Health Care Human Relations Administrators (AHHRA) of Greater New York. She has



Kimberly Dement Adkins '97 and her husband, Kirby, welcomed a son, Logan Kirby, last February. Kimberly, left, is shown with her sister-in-law and fellow SJC alumna, Jennifer Adkins Imeidopf '98 (holding Logan). Jennifer and her husband, Jason (also Class of '98), are living in Florida and expecting their third child this October.

Cruising Down the River Kwai



Trip leader S. Joan Ryan '53 (right) poses with alumni who accompanied her on a 12-day tour of Thailand in March. They are shown cruising down the River Kwai. Standing, from left: Virginia Davis '42, Lucretia Ruppel '48, Ann Bauch '56 and Clare Bauch '45. Kneeling, from left: May Ann Hayes '83 and Loretta Cannon '85.

also served as board chair of the special projects committee and vice president. She is on the advisory board for *Nursing Spectrum Magazine*.

Best wishes to **Dominick Casoria '99** and Meredith Zinna, who were married in September 2005. Dominick teaches social studies at William Floyd H.S. in Mastic Beach.

2000s

Best wishes to **Terri Dietz '01** and Jon Tiskowitz, who were married in August 2005. Terri is an assistant of institutional investment services for Russell Investment Group in Manhattan.

Congratulations to **Michael Kaplan '01** and Kristen Honadel, who were married in November 2005. Michael is an operations manager for Giannini Landscaping

in Lindenhurst.

Lisann Valentin '01 was admitted to practice law in Connecticut and New York. She currently teaches fifth grade and works part time as an associate with in the Litigation Dept. of a Manhattan law firm.

Linda Chorzewski '02 graduated from law school and passed the bar exam.

Best wishes to **Matthew Colson '02** and Jennifer Lengyel, who married in March 2006. Matt is associate director of alumni relations at SJC in Patchogue.

Best wishes to **Kenneth Roche '03** and **Samantha Shaffer '03**, who were married in December 2004.

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Russo '03** on his engagement to Alyson Felice. Jeffrey is a traffic technician for the Suffolk

County Dept. of Public Works. A 2007 wedding is planned.

Congratulations to 2004 graduates **Cristina Santiago** and **Patrick Campbell** on their engagement. Cristina received an M.A. in Spanish from Brooklyn College and is working toward a Ph.D. She was awarded a teacher's assistant position at the Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Jennifer Torchetti '04 received her master's from Adelphi Univ. and is currently working as an ABA instructor at the Developmental Disabilities Institute.

Sandy Silverman '06 received an honorable mention for her wood sculpture, "Leaves," at the Long Island College Art Competition held in March at Stony Brook University. ■

Nursing Alumni Reception



The Suffolk Alumni Office and the Nursing Department hosted an alumni reception in May that included dinner, alumni success stories, networking and socializing. In attendance were nursing alumni, graduating seniors, faculty and staff.

Florida Gathering



Alumnae from the Palm Beach area of Florida attended a March 11 reception hosted by Dorothy Bloodgood Kennedy '48 (seated, third from right) and her husband, Bernard. The event was one of two alumni gatherings that coincided with the annual winter visit to Florida by SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill '64 (seated, far right), Alumni Director Mary Jo Burke Chiara '69 (standing, fifth from left) and VP for Institutional Advancement Nancy Connors (not pictured).



Alumni Award Recipient

Graduating Brooklyn child study major Jennifer Manzione, left, receives the Alumni Award from Director of Alumni Relations Mary Jo Chiara '69 at Senior Class Night ceremonies held in May. Jennifer is a peer counselor and a member of the Child Study Club and Beta Upsilon Delta sorority. During her years at St. Joe's, she helped create a working relationship between SJC and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

STAYING IN TOUCH

To learn more about alumni activities, serve at an alumni event, reach your class news agent or update your records, please contact us in the Office of Alumni Relations:

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Matthew Colson '02

Assoc. Director of Alumni Relations
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We'd love to hear about what you and your classmates are doing.

So give us a call, drop us a line, e-mail us at alumni@sjcny.edu or check out our Web site at www.sjcny.edu.

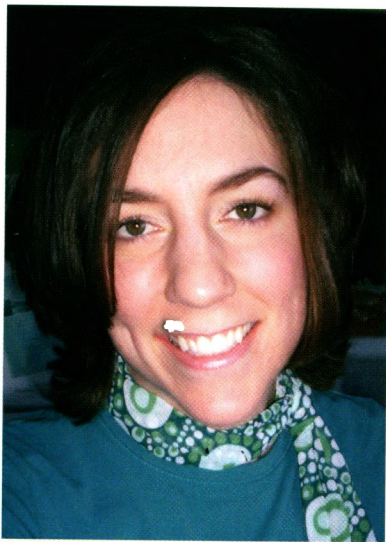
Let's stay connected!

Alumni Voices

Reflections of a 'perpetual student'

by Erin Towner '01

Alumni Voices is a forum for our graduates to speak out on a variety of topics. We welcome your submissions of 500 words or less. Articles may be edited for space or clarity. E-mail your submissions to: skane@sjcny.edu. Please include a telephone number where you can be reached.



"If it takes
a village
to raise a child,
it has taken
most of the U.S.
and even parts
of Canada
to get
one through
grad school."

If there is one thing I know, it is how to be a student. I have been going to school, nonstop, since 1984. I even had a perfect attendance streak from 9th to 12th grade. In 22 years, I have been transformed from a wide-eyed kindergartener to a blurry-eyed graduate student. Going to school is my job . . . only without the paycheck.

After graduating from St. Joe's, I packed my bags and headed to Phoenix to pursue a doctorate in psychology. I traded the L.I.E. and nor'easter storms for cacti and triple-digit heat. I did not know a single soul when I moved to Arizona. But I knew how to be a student and took comfort in the routine of school.

My family and friends back home on Long Island and elsewhere provided a tremendous amount of support during those difficult first few months, and continue to do so. If it takes a village to raise a child, it has taken most of the U.S. and even parts of Canada to get one through grad school. And although I have learned so much in my studies, sometimes I can't help but feel that I'm stuck in a holding pattern as the world passes me by. The people closest to me seem to be growing up and moving forward at breakneck speed as I remain the perpetual student.

Since I started graduate school, my older sister (a fellow St. Joe's alumna) fell in love, married, moved at least six times within two coun-

tries and is now expecting her first child. Two of my best friends (from St. Joe's, of course) have also found much-deserved joy in their relationships, and are well-entrenched in their careers. My younger sister graduated high school, traveled abroad and will become a St. Joe's alum before I even finish my doctoral degree! All the while I remain in school, still studying for midterms, still writing papers and still not feeling "grown up."

But before you RSVP to my pity party, know that I am aware that this is a choice. I never question the decision I have made, but sometimes I do wonder how the other half lives. I look forward to a future without homework, and maybe even having a life! I am not naïve; I realize that the real world comes with a host of challenges that I have yet to encounter (such as repaying all those student loans), but I am excited about the thought of taking on a role other than student.

Soon enough I will get that diploma. I will be able to begin the career for which I have trained all this time, and I will finally get to earn one of those paychecks (gasp!). And perhaps one day I will look back on my seeming life sentence in school and think, "Things were so much simpler then . . . that time went by too fast."

Only one year, four months and six days till graduation. But who's counting? ■

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- The SJC P.A.D. (Professional Alumni Directory)
- Complimentary subscription to the *St. Joseph's College Magazine* and the *Alumni Insider* e-newsletter
- Access to the Danzi Athletic Center on the Suffolk Campus at reduced cost
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- 1-800-Flowers (www.1800FLOWERS.COM) gives a 15% discount when using the alumni promotion code SJCNV.

Alumni Fall Luncheon



The Roosevelt Hotel

Terrace Ball Room
Madison Avenue at East 45th Street
New York, NY 10017

Saturday, October 28, 2006

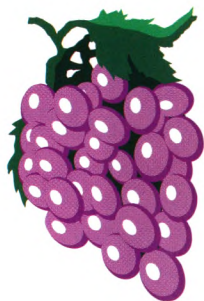
Noon

\$75 per person

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Please watch your mail for further details. For up-to-date information, visit the College Web site at www.sjcnyc.edu and click on the alumni link, or call the Brooklyn Alumni Office at 718.636.6882.

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Saturday, September 30, 2006

Departure from Suffolk Campus at 10:00 a.m.

Returning at 4:00 p.m.

\$45 per person (a \$75 value)

Every alumnus is invited to bring one guest.

Visit four wineries for tasting sessions.

Enjoy a gourmet sandwich lunch at the Martha Clara Vineyard.

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RSVP the Suffolk Alumni Office at 631.447.3215 or alumni@sjcnj.edu.

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Saturday, October 21, 2006

11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

On the Suffolk Campus Quad

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Co-sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Alumni Association

Thursday, October 12, 2006

8:00 p.m.

D'Ecclesiis Auditorium
Suffolk Campus

Tickets \$5

for SJC students and alumni
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\$7 general admission.

For information, contact the Student Government Association at 631.654.5719 or the Suffolk Alumni Office at 631.447.3215 or alumni@sjcnj.edu.



Oktoberfest

YOUNG ALUMNI EVENT



AT THE
BROOKLYN BREWERY
BREWERS ROW, 79 N. 11TH ST., BROOKLYN

Friday, October 20, 2006

at 7 p.m.

\$10 per person
(includes beer, hot and cold appetizers)

RSVP by Oct. 13
by calling the Brooklyn Alumni Office:
718.636.6882.



Belmont Raceway

September 23, 2006

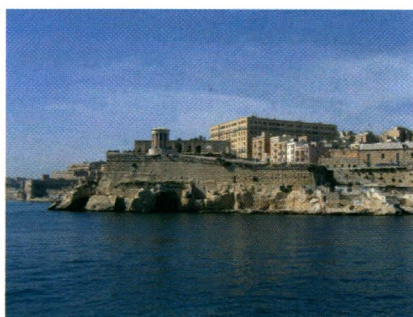
(watch your mail for details)

Gates open at 11 a.m.

Chairperson:
Mary Jane Hawkrigg Handal '51

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 Annie Screen Forsman '43
 Virginia Kehoe Lopez '43
 Mary Glynn Beagan '44
 Nora McNerney Keenan '48
 Margaret Cody Murphy '48
 Helen Fitzgerald Kelleher '49
 Maryanne Murphy Lankenau '51
 Regina Dougherty MacDonald '53
 Eleanor Tyszkla Shaw '55
 Barbara Moran Karcher '58
 Elaine J. Corsigila '59
 Donna Cartelli '66
 Betty Soden Hansen '66
 Laura Patella Johnson '66
 Mary Wolpensinger Neuhaus '68
 Winifred Ruf '77
 Margaret Lemp '79
 Maria Pulmones '83
 Jane Sassman '94
 Grace Jeremiah Charles '00

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John Finnerty, husband of Alice Hagen Finnerty '36
 Otto K. Seidel, husband of Margaret MacGillivray Seidel '37
 Anthony Steffany, husband of Kathryn Heffeman Steffany '37
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 John Joyce, husband of Margaret Jokiel Joyce '45
 Joseph McConnell, husband of Regina Carroll McConnell '50
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 Nora McNerney Keenan '48, sister of Marion McNerney Murray '54
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 Ann Tinley, mother of Gabrielle Tinley McDonough '61
 Anna Sweeney, mother of Catherine Sweeney '61
 Edith Byrnes, mother of Ann Byrnes Concannon '62
 Regina McCourt, mother of Regina McCourt '64 and Joan McCourt Lillis '65
 John Sabatos, husband of Winifred Ganley Sabatos '66

Faculty, Staff & Students

James Brooks, former computer instructor in the School of Adult and Professional Education

Frederick T. Shea, longtime SJC trustee

Frederick T. Shea died on April 14 after serving nearly 30 years on the SJC Board of Trustees, 12 as chairman. He was instrumental in establishing the College's Suffolk Campus in Patchogue.

Mr. Shea attended the College of the Holy Cross and Columbia Law School, where he was a member of the *Columbia Law Review*. He was the managing partner and executive committee member at Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, where he worked his entire law career of over 57 years. He began his career in litigation, and later focused on labor and employment law. Mr. Shea was a prominent member of the labor bar representing management.

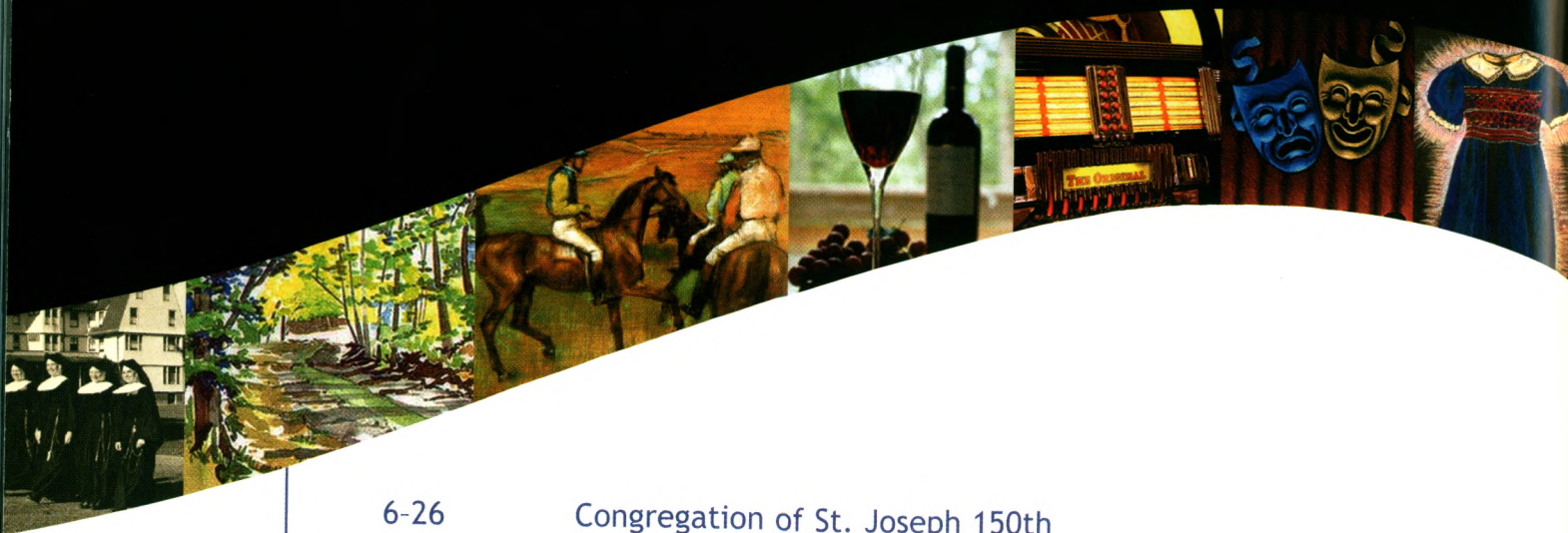
Mr. Shea's education was interrupted when he was drafted into the U.S. Army early in WWII, where he rose in rank to captain. He was part of the U.S. forces in the invasion of Normandy days after the initial landing on D-Day, 1944.

Mr. Shea is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children, Brian and Kathleen; and grandchildren, Keegan, Colby, Mitch, Christopher, Jonathan, Freddie and Jessica. He was predeceased by his son, Kevin.

SJC is in the process of establishing The Frederick T. Shea Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be sent in care of College President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, 245 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205. ■

EVENTS CALENDAR

FALL 2006 / WINTER 2007



SEPTEMBER

- 6-26** **Congregation of St. Joseph 150th Anniversary Exhibit**
 "Ordinary Women with an Extraordinary Vision"
 Alumni Room Gallery, Brooklyn
Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood and the Brooklyn Council for the Arts
- 6-30** **Art Exhibit—Paintings by Faculty Member John DeGuardi**
 Board Room Gallery, Suffolk
Sponsored by the Suffolk Council for the Arts
- 12** **Anthem Concert**
 A musical group with its own brand of harmonious Reggae
 12:40 p.m.; free—Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Brooklyn
Co-sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and the Brooklyn Council for the Arts
- 23** **A Day at the Races Luncheon**
 11:00 a.m.; \$35—Belmont Park, Elmont
Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office
- 29-Oct. 15** ***I Bet Your Life* by Fred Carmichael**
 Sept. 29, 30; Oct. 6, 7, 13, 14—8 p.m.
 Oct. 1, 8, 15—3 p.m.
 \$14; \$12 students and senior citizens
 Clare Rose Playhouse, Suffolk Campus
- 30** **Long Island Wine Tasting Tour**
 Luxury limo bus departs from Suffolk Campus at 10 a.m., returns at 4 p.m.
 \$45; Call for details
Sponsored by the Suffolk Alumni Office



2-30

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Board Room Gallery, Suffolk

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3

The Shakespearean Jukebox

Presented by the Knighthorse Theatre Company

12:40 p.m., Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Brooklyn

Co-sponsored by the English Club, Chapel Players and the Brooklyn Council for the Arts

6

In a Different Voice: Second Colloquium on the Work of Women Theologians

Speakers: Dr. Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., and Dr. Maria Pilar Aquino

9:15 a.m.—3:30 p.m.; Continental breakfast, lunch served

D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, Suffolk

Sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life

6

Dramatic Society and Chapel Players—Reception and Play

7 p.m.; free—Alumni Room, Brooklyn

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

10-Nov. 30

Art Exhibit—Works by Bettina Magi

Artist's Reception Oct. 10, 5:30–8:00 p.m.

Gallery Talk Oct. 24, 12:40 p.m.

Alumni Room Gallery, Brooklyn

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Council for the Arts

11

"Presidents at War"

Presidential Lecture by presidential historian and author Dr. Doris Kearns Goodwin

12:30 p.m., Brooklyn (for campus community)

7:30 p.m., public presentation, D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, Suffolk

Free of charge

12

Comedian and Hypnotist Tom Deluca

8:00 p.m., D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, Suffolk

\$7; \$5 students & alumni (with ID)

Co-Sponsored by the SGA and the Alumni Association

17

M.A. Infant/Toddler Alumni Dinner

6:30 p.m.; \$10—Shea Conference Room, Suffolk

Sponsored by the Suffolk Alumni Office

18

**James McBride, Composer and Author of
*The Color of Water***

Noon; free—D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, Suffolk

Sponsored by the Office of Diversity Initiatives

19

Founders Day—Speaker James McBride

4 p.m., free—Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Brooklyn

20

Oktoberfest

7:00 p.m.; \$10—Brooklyn Brewery

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

21

Make a Difference Day Children's Carnival

11 a.m.—2:30 p.m.; free—Quad Lawn, Suffolk

Sponsored by the Suffolk Campus Ministry Office

22

Afternoon of Arias

Students from The Juilliard School of Music

3:00 p.m.; Suggested donation \$5

D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, Suffolk

Sponsored by the Suffolk Council for the Arts

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Fall Alumni Luncheon

Noon; \$75—The Roosevelt Hotel, NYC

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

3-19

Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers*

Nov. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18—8 p.m.

Nov. 5, 12, 19—3 p.m.

\$14; \$12 students and senior citizens

Clare Rose Playhouse, Suffolk Campus

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SJC 24th Annual Dinner Dance/Monte Carlo Night

Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury

Sponsored by the Office of Institutional Advancement

4-22

Bell Street Artists

Board Room Gallery, Suffolk

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Saeko Ichinoche Dance Company

12:40 p.m.; free—Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Brooklyn

*Co-sponsored by the Asian Awareness Club, Dance Club
and the Brooklyn Council for the Arts*

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Career Networking Night for Business and Accounting Majors

6:30 p.m.; free—Shea Conference Room, Suffolk

*Co-sponsored by the Suffolk Alumni Office and Office of
Counseling & Career Development*

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Mentoring Program Kickoff Dinner

6:00 p.m.; free—The Parlors, Brooklyn

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

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Dance Club Alumni Night

6:00 p.m.; free—Alumni Room, Brooklyn

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

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The Young Peoples' Chorus of NYC

Fundraiser for the Sisters of St. Joseph

3:00 p.m.; \$20, \$10 SJC students

D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, Suffolk

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Networking Dinner—Master's Graduates

6:00 p.m.; \$25—Graziella's Restaurant, Brooklyn
Sponsored by the Brooklyn Alumni Office

29-Dec. 20

SJC Student Art Exhibit

Board Room Gallery, Suffolk
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DECEMBER

9-10

A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Musical

From the stories of A.A. Milne
Dec. 9, 10—11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; Tickets \$6
Clare Rose Playhouse, Suffolk Campus

11-14

SJC Student Art Exhibit

Alumni Room Gallery, Brooklyn
Sponsored by the Brooklyn Council for the Arts

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Handel's Messiah

7:30 p.m.; \$40—Riverside Church, NYC
Sponsored by the Brooklyn and Suffolk Alumni Offices

JANUARY

19-28

The Belle of Amherst by William Luce

Jan. 19, 20, 26, 27—8 p.m.; Jan. 21, 28—3 p.m.
\$14; \$12 students and senior citizens
Clare Rose Playhouse, Suffolk Campus

29-Feb. 28

Milton Rogovin

Photographs of Los Olvidares (The Forgotten Ones of the Americas)
Board Room Gallery, Suffolk
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WOMEN IN SCIENCE: CLOSING THE GENDER GAP

by Therese Ferraro Kohl (SJC Class of 1978)

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Therese Kohl conducting a consumer field study in South Africa.

As a “Woman in Science” alumna with a perhaps atypical career path and experiences, I have sought answers to the question of why women lag behind men in the hard sciences, particularly at the Ph.D. level and in higher academic and research positions. What are the major obstacles to women entering or advancing in science today and how has this changed since I finished college 28 years ago?

When I graduated from SJC in 1978 with a B.S. in Chemistry, I planned on teaching science. While taking the oral part of the NYC Chemistry Teachers’ License exam, I had been asked, “What would you say to a student who claims that a woman can’t be a scientist?” I doubt that question would even be asked today. After receiving my license, I entered the world of academia.

Throughout my nine years as a high school science teacher in both private and public school settings, I generally found solid support and acceptance from my supervisors, colleagues and students. At that time, reports of widespread gender-

based wage disparity pervaded the media (even though the Equal Pay Act had passed in 1963)! Immersed in the world of academia, where income was based on published salary scales, I found the reports of wage disparity in industry rather difficult to believe.

The next 15 years of my professional life were spent as a research scientist working in a number of roles at a large, multinational firm. As a bench chemist, I generally received fair and reasonable treatment by supervisors and colleagues alike. As a pilot plant chemist in the early 1990s, I was frequently challenged to prove myself in a staunchly male enclave. Today, women are unlikely to experience such discomfort in a similar setting.

As a global supplier liaison in the mid-1990s, I enjoyed wage parity, easy camaraderie with worldwide contacts and varied and challenging assignments. Finally, as a self-employed consumer scientist I have found the most stimulating and interesting work of my life. How did my career progress so far without a Ph.D.? In short—somewhat slowly. Would it

proceed differently today? Certainly.

The gap that admittedly exists between men and women in the hard sciences is likely to shrink further. For women who have chosen to start families, balancing full-time work, graduate studies and family responsibilities is still difficult. The growing trend to delay marriage for the sake of establishing a career may reduce this gender difference at the Ph.D. level. Also helping is the availability of more extensive and firmly established networking opportunities: college counseling and placement services, professional organizations, alumni associations, women’s organizations and even college sororities.

Why, then, does this gap in the hard sciences continue to exist at all? The biggest obstacle that women face is the most difficult one to resolve—that of balancing career and family life. There are more child care and family leave options, flex time and telecommuting opportunities available than ever before; however, lab and fieldwork do not lend themselves to extensive use of these options. Also, in an increasingly global work environment, more frequent and extensive travel demands are placed on all employees, especially scientists conducting consumer studies and clinical trials.

Do I offer hope for women in the hard sciences? Absolutely! Despite the challenges of balancing work and family life, these careers are personally and professionally fulfilling, varied in scope and nature, and they provide real value. With unprecedented opportunities available to women today, the gender gap will surely continue to close. ■



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